

The National Endowment for the Arts is the only funder, public or private, that supports the arts in all 50 states in the United States.

IN THE PAST 5 YEARS...

The National Endowment for the Arts distributed more than **\$12,405,543** in grants in **Maine**.



PC Ryan P. DeWolfe works with Danielle Vetro Kalseth, Music Therapist, HJF, in support of Creative Forces at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER) in Anchorage, Alaska. Army photo/John Pennell

In one year alone...

- Arts and cultural production in Maine added **2.7% or \$2.5 billion** to the state's economy.
- Maine's arts and cultural industries employed **18,073** workers. These workers earned wages and benefits totaling **\$1.2 billion**.
- **42.3%** of Maine's adults attended live music, theater, or dance performances, while **15.1%** attended art exhibits.

National Endowment for the Arts Programs



The **Blue Star Museums** program provided free admission to thousands of active military personnel and their families at **55 participating museums** in Maine.



More than **4,705 students** from **93 high schools** in Maine participated in **Poetry Out Loud**.



The **NEA Big Read** program generated community events focused on reading outstanding American literature and involving more than **9,897** adults and students in Maine.



The **Shakespeare in American Communities** program in Maine enabled schools to offer **1,467** children the opportunity to see live professional performances of Shakespeare, or to engage in educational programs.



Creative Forces brings creative arts therapies to military personnel and veterans who are experiencing post-traumatic stress, mild traumatic brain injury, and related psychological illnesses. The program also offers community arts programming to improve the well-being and resilience of all military-connected people.

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Various Locations of Arts Endowment-Supported Projects

ME-01

CAMDEN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CAMDEN OPERA HOUSE
CENTER FOR MAINE CONTEMPORARY ART
CHAPMAN-HALL HOUSE
CLAM FESTIVAL
COLBY COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART
CREATIVE PORTLAND
EDISON PRESS
EMPIRE CHINESE KITCHEN
ERSKINE ACADEMY
GARDINER AREA HIGH SCHOOL
GREELY HIGH SCHOOL
I'M YOUR NEIGHBOR BOOKS
ISAAC F. UMBERHINE PUBLIC LIBRARY
JOURNEY'S END
LOQUAT
MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING NETWORK WORLD
MARCIA BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
NORTHERN LIGHT MERCY HOSPITAL
OPERA MAINE OFFICE
PARTNERS ISLAND EDUCATION
PNAGIOTU CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES
PORTLAND OVATIONS
RUFUS PORTER MUSEUM
SPRING CROSSING
STATE THEATRE
TEMPLE BET HA'AM
THOMPSON'S POINT
WAYNFLETE SCHOOL

ME-02

BATES COLLEGE
BATES DANCE FESTIVAL
BELGRADE CENTRAL SCHOOL
BETHEL AREA ARTS & MUSIC
BLUE HILL BOOKS
BLUE HILL HARBOR SCHOOL
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

BREWER HIGH SCHOOL
CAPE ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
CARIBOU ARTS CENTER
CARRABEC HIGH SCHOOL
CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHARLOTTE HOBBS MEMORIAL LIBRARY
DEVANEY DOAK & GARRETT BOOKSELLERS
EASTPORT ARTS CENTER
ELLSWORTH HIGH SCHOOL
FAIRFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FRANCO CENTER
HAMPDEN ACADEMY
HERMON HIGH SCHOOL
HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER OF MAINE
JAY NILES MEMORIAL LIBRARY
MAINE INSIDE OUT
MOUNT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
MT. ABRAM HIGH SCHOOL
STONINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
THEATER AT MONMOUTH
WATERFALL ARTS

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