Nonprofit Arts Attendees Spend an Average of $24.60 Per Person
(Not including admission costs)

- When governments reduce their support for the arts, they are not cutting frills. Rather, they are undercutting an industry that is a cornerstone of tourism, economic development, and the revitalization of many communities. When governments increase their support for the arts, they are generating tax revenues, supporting local jobs, and fueling a creativity-based economy.

- Data collected from 151,802 attendees at a range of arts events revealed that nonprofit arts and culture audiences generated $24.60 per person, per event, beyond the cost of admission.

- Arts attendees who live outside the county in which the arts event takes place spend more than twice as much as their local counterparts ($39.96 vs. $17.42). Communities that attract cultural tourists stand to harness significant economic rewards. These non-residents make up 32 percent of attendees at arts events. Fifty-nine percent of nonlocal attendees report that the primary reason for their trip is “specifically to attend this arts/culture event.”

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