Arts and Cultural Production Imports and Exports 1998-2013

[Billions of Dollars]

- The United States has exported more arts and cultural goods and services than it imported since 2006, including during the Great Recession. **In 2013, the arts netted a $24.1-billion-dollar trade surplus.**
- The arts have outperformed the overall United States Balance of Trade, increasing its surplus tenfold from 2006 to 2013, while the United States goods and services trade as a whole has registered a deficit every year over the same period.
- Within the arts industries, some manufacturing-based commodities such as musical instruments, and jewelry and silverware do register trade deficits.
- **Selected Arts and Culture Trade Balances in 2013:**
  - Movies and TV shows: +$11.8 billion
  - Independent artists, writers and performers: +0.9 billion
  - Design services: +$5.4 billion
  - Sound recording: +1.0 billion
  - Performing Arts: +$0.2 billion
  - Jewelry and Silverware: -4.1 billion