I've got a good news story to tell about the arts...

The nonprofit arts industry is a great American success story—one of innovation, entrepreneurialism, and resilience. Perseverance. Resilience...adapt, survive, prevail.

The arts inspire, delight, unite us...fundamental to our humanity.

I want to stipulate those benefits and challenge you to think of the arts as an industry—one that supports jobs, generates govt. revenue, and is a cornerstone to tourism.

An investment in the arts is not a black hole. ...by talking about the business side of the arts, it takes them out of the “more gruel, please” and positions them as a partner in prosperity and sends an important message...if you are a community leader who cares about quality of life and strengthening your economy—you can feel good about investing in the arts.
This study is our 4th economic impact study of the nation’s nonprofit arts and culture industry—the largest and most comprehensive of its kind ever conducted.

182 study regions . . . All 50 states + D.C.
How a Dollar is Re-Spent in a Community . . .
$135.2 billion dollar industry . . . 4.1 million FTEs . . . $22.3 billion in government revenue

(1) **Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Jobs** describes the total amount of labor employed. Economists measure FTE jobs, not the total number of employees, because it is a more accurate measure that accounts for part-time employment.

(2) **Resident Household Income** (often called Personal Income) includes salaries, wages, and entrepreneurial income paid to local residents. It is the money residents earn and use to pay for food, mortgages, and other living expenses.

**Revenue to (3) Local and (4) State Government** includes revenue from local and state taxes (e.g., income, property, sales, and lodging) as well as funds from license fees, utility fees, filing fees, and other similar sources.
Organizations Spent . . .

$61.1 Billion
Spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations provide rewarding employment for more than just artists, curators, and musicians. They also directly support builders, plumbers, accountants, printers, and an array of occupations spanning many industries.

Nonprofit arts and culture organizations support more jobs than accountants and auditors, public safety officers, and even lawyers, and just slightly fewer than elementary school teachers. The above chart provides a helpful context for the large number of jobs directly supported by nonprofit arts and culture organizations. It must be noted that the arts and culture jobs represent portions of multiple industry sectors (e.g., musicians, designers, accountants, printers), whereas the comparison groups are single job classifications.
Nonprofit Arts Attendees Spend
$24.60 Per Person, Per Event

- $13.14 Meals, Snacks, & Refreshments
- $4.71 Local Ground Transportation
- $3.51 Overnight Lodging
- $1.31 Clothing & Accessories
- $0.89 Other
- $2.74 Gift/Souvenirs
- $0.36 Child Care
Nonprofit Arts & Culture Attendees
Local vs. Nonlocal

- 68.2% Local Residents
- 31.8% Non-Residents
Event-Related Spending
Local vs. Nonlocal Audiences

$17.42
2010
$39.96

LOCAL AUDIENCES
NONLOCAL AUDIENCES

50.4 percent of nonlocal attendees said: “This arts event is their primary purpose for their trip.”
Will You Travel for a Cultural Experience?

Q: If this event were not happening, would you have traveled to another community to attend a similar cultural experience?

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<td>No, I would have skipped the cultural experience altogether</td>
<td>30.8%</td>
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<td>No, I would have replaced it with another nearby cultural experience</td>
<td>27.7%</td>
<td>20.6%</td>
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<td>Yes, I would have traveled to a different community</td>
<td>41.5%</td>
<td>52.3%</td>
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Audiences spent . . .

$74.1 Billion
Nonprofit Arts & Culture Industry

Organizations  $61.1 Billion  
Audiences  $74.1 Billion  
Total  $135.2 Billion  

✓ Supports 4.1 million FTE jobs
✓ Generates $22.3 billion in government revenue
Arts and the “Great Recession”
Changes between 2005 and 2010

- Unemployment: 5.1% to 9.7%
- Consumer Confidence: 101 to 54
- Home Foreclosures: Tripled: 885,000 to 2.9 million
- Spending on recreation, entertainment, shopping: $192 to $164 billion
- Live attendance: arts and sports
- Jobs in tourism, food & beverage
Arts Volunteerism

• Average community: 5,215 arts volunteers who donated 201,719 hours ($4.3 million value)

• Average organization: 45 volunteers who donated 72 hours each

• Value of 2010 volunteer hour = $21.36
National AEP4 Research Partners
Arts & Economic Prosperity IV
5 Take-Aways

1. $135.2 billion industry
2. Supports 4.1 million jobs
3. Generates $22.3 billion in government revenue
4. Attendees spend $24.60 per person (beyond admission)
5. Resilient in tough economic times
The Arts Mean Business!

www.AmericansForTheArts.org/EconomicImpact
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For organizational data . . .
Each community studied, and thus these national estimates, are based only on data reported. No local estimates made for non-respondents.
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Arts Volunteerism in [Your Community]

- In 2010, X,XXX volunteers who donated XXX,XXX hours ($X.X million value)
- Average organization: XX volunteers who donated XX hours each
- Value of 2010 volunteer hour = $XX.XX

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(This data can be found in Table 13 of Appendix B of the full Arts & Economic Prosperity IV statistical report)
Personal Arts Creativity Experiences

Q: Do you actively participate in the creation of art (e.g., sing in a choir, act in a play, paint or draw)?

Yes XX.X%  No XX.X%

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