



AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS

For more than 50 years, Americans for the Arts has worked to serve, advance, and lead the nation's network of organizations and individuals who cultivate, promote, sustain, and support the arts in America. Dedicated to representing and serving local communities and creating opportunities for every person in the United States to participate in and appreciate all forms of the arts, Americans for the Arts works diligently to accomplish a national vision for the arts and arts education. This vision is driven by its belief that the arts are fundamental to humanity and have the power to transform lives, arts education develops well-rounded children and citizens, and the arts are essential creating a sense of place and fueling social and economic growth.

The organization's work translates this vision into local tools, programs, and initiatives that can be used by its members—which include cultural and arts service organizations as well as arts educators, arts administrators, artists—and the general public to champion increased access to the arts and arts education at both the local and national level.

Americans for the Arts is the nation's leader in arts research, conducting and discriminating groundbreaking studies that are the industry standard for reliable and credible information on how the arts are being used to address social, educational, and economic development issues in communities across the country.

The organization also provides leadership and training to local public and nonprofit arts agencies through a national network consisting of Arts and Business Councils, Business Committees for the Arts, Business Volunteers for the Arts, State arts agencies, State arts advocacy organizations, and community-based cultural organizations across the country.

In addition, Americans for the Arts creates opportunities for experienced and emerging arts leaders to learn, dialogue, and network with colleagues throughout the year through several professional development programs including The Americans for the Arts Annual Convention, National Arts Marketing Project Conference and regional training workshops, webinars, and specialized peer-to-peer networks, including the Arts Education Network, Emerging Leaders Network, Public Art Network, and State Arts Action Network.

To enable greater access to the arts and arts education, Americans for the Arts works to secure increased resources for the arts and arts education at the local, state, and federal level by influencing public and private policy through several programs, including Arts Advocacy Day, The Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy, The Arts Action Fund, The pARTnership Movement, and policy convenings, including The National Arts Policy Roundtable and Seminar for Leadership.

Americans for the Arts stands out as the preeminent nonprofit dedicated to advancing the arts in our country. The organization is recognized as an authoritative voice in the arena of cultural research and policy; a leader in the effort to advance the cause of arts education; an expert on the role of the arts in community building; a key strategic ally to the private sector in advancing workforce development initiatives; and a champion of local and state arts agencies and the 100,000 nonprofit organizations that provide the programs and experiences that make the arts a vital part of the fabric of American life.