



THE ARTS ARE HERE TO STAY IN MARYLAND

Although we all endured unprecedented times, Maryland citizens still supported the arts at virtual and in-person events in the millions throughout the first year of our global pandemic (FY20 Arts Economic Impact Report Maryland Department of Commerce.) An investment in the arts is an investment in the economic vitality of the state.

Over 300 arts organizations, hundreds of independent artists and millions of Marylanders benefit from strong, statewide investment in the nonprofit arts sector. Sustained growth in funding means arts communities throughout Maryland can continue to cultivate robust impactful programming, providing a high quality of life to all residents.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

- Please **SUPPORT** the mandated and fully funded Maryland State Arts Council Appropriation level of \$29.8 million.
- Please **SUPPORT** an appropriation of \$50 million for COVID arts sector relief and recovery fund.

FY2020 ARTS BY THE NUMBERS

Number of full-time equivalent jobs generated this year in Maryland:

10,624

Number of attendees at in-person arts events this year in Maryland:

5.9 million

Number of attendees at virtual arts events this year in Maryland:

6.5 million

Amount distributed to independent artists and arts organizations to mitigate losses due to the pandemic:

\$12 million

Amount arts audiences in Maryland spent:

\$294.2 million

State and local tax revenues generated from arts events annually:

\$20.6 million

Amount awarded to independent artists and small arts organizations:

\$558,439

Direct spending into the economy from arts organizations:

\$622.4 million

Total annual economic impact of arts in Maryland:

\$828.7 million

Amount generated in economic activity for every \$1 in arts operating budgets:

\$2.20

Return to Marylanders and the State from a very small investment in the Arts Council budget:

Priceless

Economic Impact Numbers as compiled by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, based on 2020 data

To read the full report, visit msac.org.



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