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ARTS FORT WORTH

Dear Arts Fort Worth Supporters and Champions,

This annual report reflects a transformational chapter in the ongoing work of the nonprofit organization Arts Fort Worth. For more than six decades, our work has been rooted in connection: connecting artists to opportunities, organizations to resources, and creatives to each other. Those roots are strong, and they run through a one-of-a-kind arts ecosystem that we are honored to celebrate, support and steward.

This past year was challenging, closing the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, saying goodbye to longtime team members, and moving offices (twice in four months). As all of this unfolded, we kept close watch over shifting federal and statewide arts policies, as well as the ripple effects of the Arts Center's closure here at home.

This year also sparkled with new energy and built remarkable momentum for what's next. Together, we launched the first-ever ARTSForward community summit, bringing expert voices into conversations about art's role in education, wellness, the economy, and innovation. We joined forces with Fort Worth arts leaders to advocate at the state level, contributing to one of the most successful legislative sessions for arts and culture funding in Texas history. We met inspiring new arts organizations as they sought funds from our grant programs. We helped artists develop and install meaningful works of original public art, supported others as public art mentees and selection panelists. We even rolled up our sleeves alongside neighbors to create mosaic pieces for a powerful upcoming installation at Ciquio Vasquez Park. And we launched Fort Worth Culturalyst, a dynamic online platform designed to help people discover and share local art and culture.

When I say "we," I mean you. Every success in these pages reflects a network of passionate advocates, and you're an irreplaceable part of it. Thank you for reading this report, for showing up, and for helping make art happen in Fort Worth.

The next chapter is already being written, and we are so grateful that you are a part of it.



Wesley Gentle, CFRE
Executive Director & President

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ARTSForward Summit - March 2025



Unfolding Time Marine Creek Parkway dedication - October 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

Arts Fort Worth provides funding and leadership that nurtures, supports, and promotes the arts throughout the Fort Worth community.

OUR PURPOSE

To create connection by building relationships between local creatives, arts organizations, policy makers, and the surrounding community.

OUR VALUES

Authentically passionate, intentionally equitable, purposeful listening, and trustworthy partners

WHO WE ARE

At Arts Fort Worth, we believe creativity is the heartbeat of a vibrant city. In the years since our founding, Arts Fort Worth has remained steadfast in our dedication to the local creative arts ecosystem. This year the Fort Worth arts community experienced tremendous change with the closing of the Community Arts Center. For over 20 years we have managed the building at 1300 Gendy and are deeply saddened by its closing. Though we have moved out of the Community Arts Center, we are still committed to serving and connecting the local arts ecosystem.

Our grants program is still going strong, providing over \$1.4 million to over thirty to local arts organizations and museums. The Fort Worth public art collection remains strong with over 160 pieces and is constantly growing. We have continued to advocate for accessibility and growth within the ecosystem at the city, state, and national level. Lastly, in our dedication to fostering connections we have launched Culturalyst: Fort Worth and hosted our inaugural ARTSForward Summit. The local arts ecosystem is alive and thriving and we are honored to be a part of building something beautiful.

WHO WE ARE

Ciquio Vasquez Park Community
Mural Workshop, August 2025

Heart of Gold Reception
March 2025

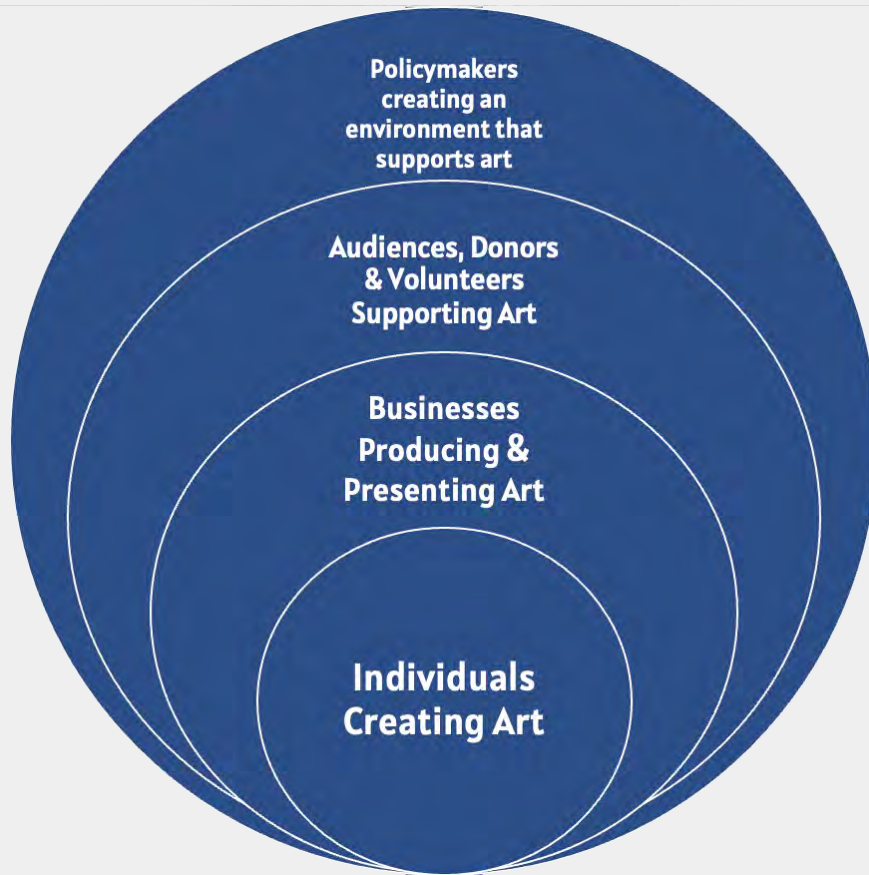


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East Rosedale Monument
Dedication
February 2025



WHO WE SERVE



The graphic above which illustrates a way of thinking about the roles people play in an local arts ecosystem, the artists themselves and businesses that represent them, and the arts supporters and policymakers that help the arts in Fort Worth.

The graphic on the right shows how we at Arts Fort Worth influence that ecosystem. Through grants, professional development, and advocacy, it helps arts groups operate like sustainable businesses instead of passion projects running on fumes. That stability ripples outward into jobs, tourism, and downtown vitality.

COMMUNITY ARTS SERVICES

ARTSForward Summit
Public Art Program
Outreach Programs

GRANTMAKING

Provide 1.4 million dollars of grants to local museums and art organizations

IMPACT RESEARCH & REPORTING

Provide data on arts local economic impact to help coordinate advocacy efforts
Work with partners to receive and share other research

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Create online database of professional artist resources for studio practice, and public art participation

ADVOCACY COORDINATION

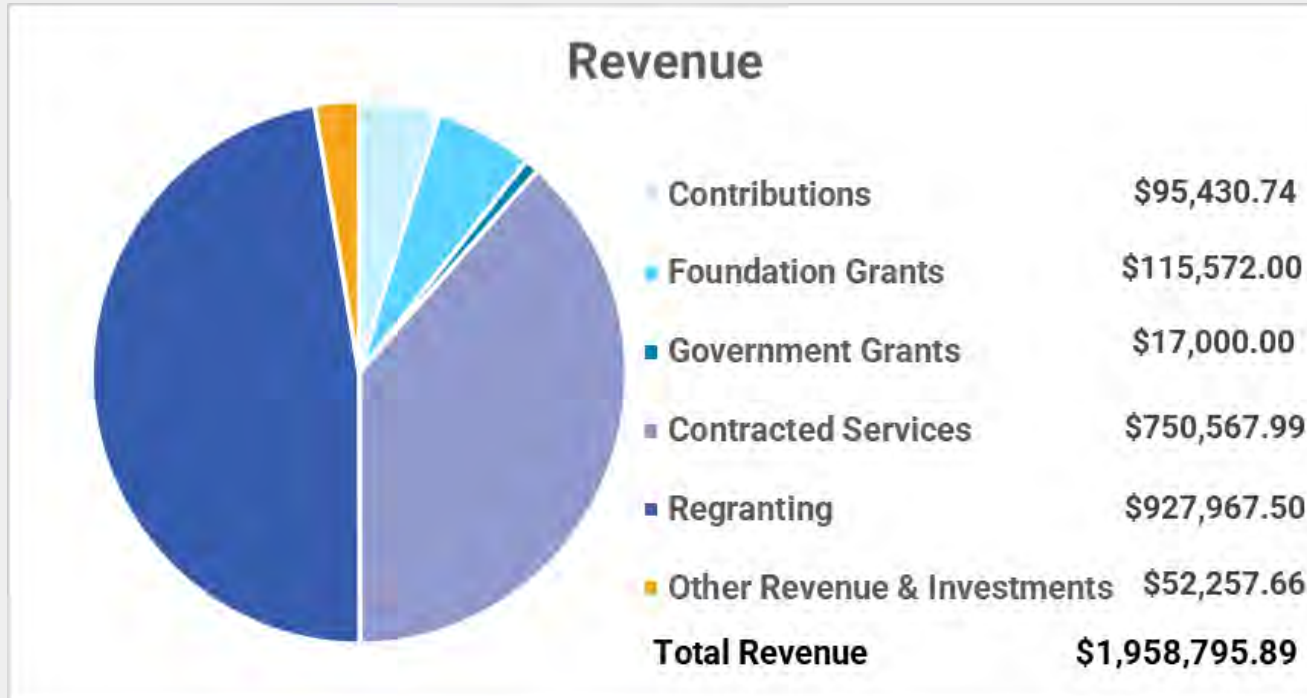
Advocate for arts accessibility and growth within the ecosystem at the city, state, and national level

LOCAL ARTS ECOSYSTEM

NETWORKING COORDINATION

Culturalyst: Fort Worth fosters connection between local creatives and opportunities, events, and organizations.

FINANCIALS



*All financials presented in this report are pending a routine third-party review and are subject to change.

OUR SUPPORTERS

CONTRACTS FOR CULTURAL SERVICES

City of Fort Worth
Fort Worth Tourism Public
Improvement District
Tarrant County

DONORS

\$50,000

Hays Foundation

\$20,000-25,000

JPMorgan Chase Bank

\$5,000-\$24,999

The Ryan Foundation
Sid W. Richardson Foundation
North Texas Community
Foundation
Communities Foundation of
Texas
APEX Catalyst Group
Tarrant County
Rotary Club of Fort Worth
Jill Fischer

\$1,000-\$4,999

Texas Health Resources
Master-Carr
Christy Neal-Garcia
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Dawn Taft
Whitney McLean
Blake Moorman
Katherine Smith
Coletta Strickland
Glenda M. Thompson
Anika Perkins - Texas
Center for Arts +
Academics
Debbie Cooley
R Gordon and Louise
Appleman

\$250-\$999

Marcia Mederos
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Cynthia Ann Miller
Megan Henderson
Giovanni Ceballos
Preservation Texas Inc.
Stephen and Miriam
Gentle

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LouAnn O'Donnell
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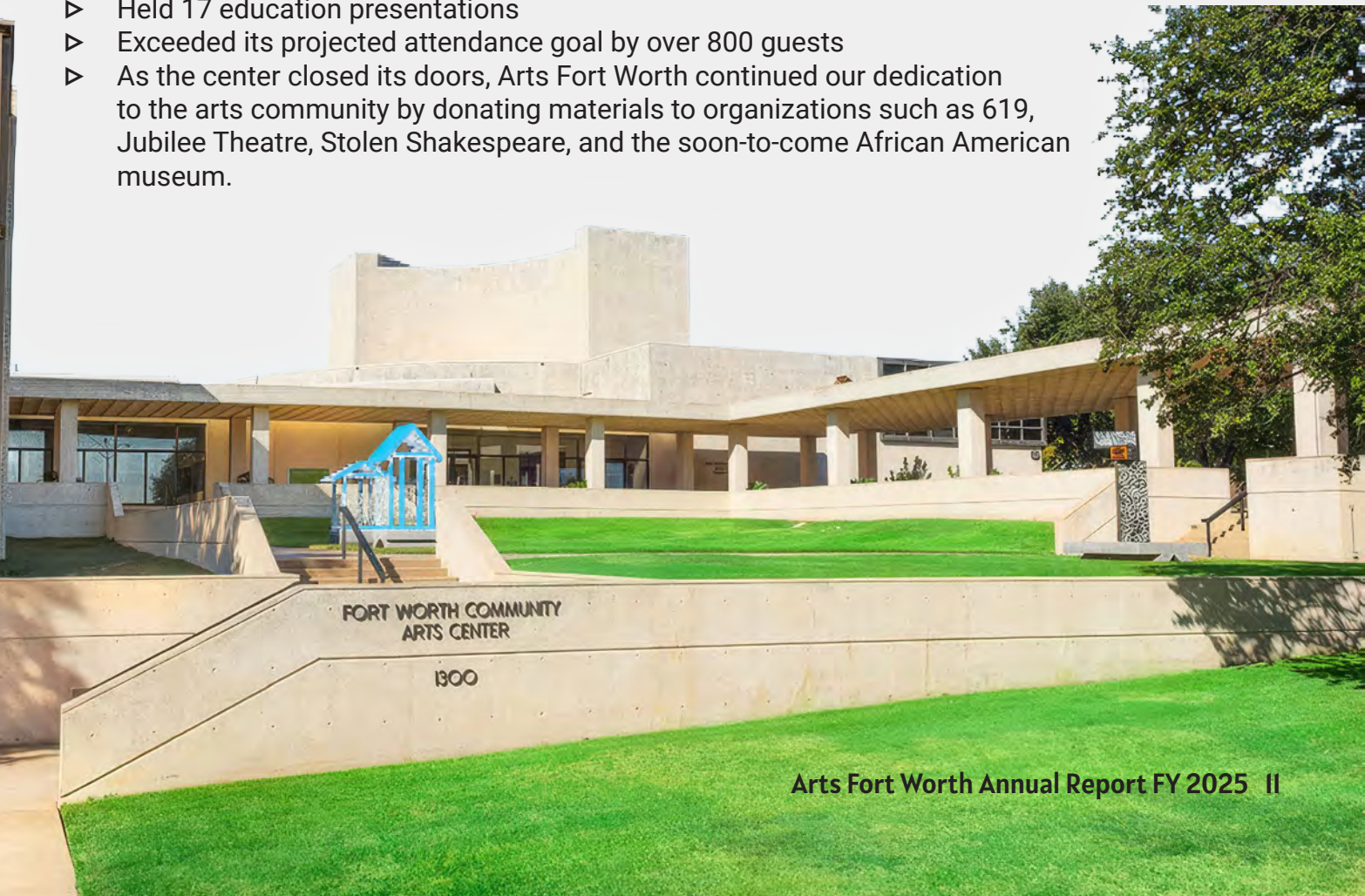
FY2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Arts Fort Worth managed the Fort Worth Community Arts Center, located at 1300 Gendy St., for 22 years. During our tenure, we bore witness to the ways that the center acted as a cultural anchor and strengthened community ties. With every showcase, juried show, workshop, play, ballet, and every other event, the joy experienced in its doors filled every room in the building. We witnessed organizations such as Amphibian Productions and Stolen Shakespeare find a home at 1300 Gendy, eventually leaving 1300 Gendy, finding permanent homes, and opening their doors to new audiences. We bid farewell with deep sadness and view our departure as an opportunity to reach beyond the cultural district. Reflecting on the last 22 years, we see not only ourselves, but everyone who poured love into the space. From operation managers, theater technicians, actors, dancers, artists, to children running across the lawn with painted faces, we thank 1300 Gendy for all that it has given us.

The Fort Worth Community Arts Center officially ceased operations at the end of the first quarter of FY25. Between October 1st and December 31st, the Community Arts Center:

- ▶ Served 150 artists
- ▶ Held 17 education presentations
- ▶ Exceeded its projected attendance goal by over 800 guests
- ▶ As the center closed its doors, Arts Fort Worth continued our dedication to the arts community by donating materials to organizations such as 619, Jubilee Theatre, Stolen Shakespeare, and the soon-to-come African American museum.



HEART OF GOLD AWARDS

The Heart of Gold Awards Banquet is an annual event that shines a spotlight on exceptional individuals whose remarkable talents and dedication have made a profound impact on the arts in Fort Worth. Each honoree shares our values of integrity and inclusiveness, and their impact through the arts helps make Fort Worth a vibrant and welcoming community.

2025 Emerging Leader Awards

These awards aim to celebrate exceptional individuals whose remarkable talents, dedication, and unique perspectives are making a profound impact on the arts in Fort Worth. For more than ten years, Arts Fort Worth's Heart of Gold awards have recognized individuals who have made life-long contributions to the arts. Starting with the 2023 Heart of Gold, we began to recognize Emerging Leaders in the Arts.



Through these awards, Arts Fort Worth aims to inspire and empower these individuals to continue blazing new trails, inspire others, and shape the future of the arts for future generations.



PICTURED FROM LEFT:
Wesley Gentle
(presenter)
Ebony Nicole Johnson
Education
Megan Coca
Arts Administrator
Ariel Davis
Working Artist/ Performer/Writer
Laura Hunt
Working Artist/ Performer/Writer
ShaVonne Davis
Community Advocacy
(not pictured)
Autobahn Fort Worth



KATHLEEN CULEBRO, Trailblazer Award

Born and raised in Mexico City, Kathleen Culebro is a community builder whose arts leadership has supported education, tourism, neighborhood redevelopment, and emotional wellbeing. As Founding Artistic Director of Amphibian Stage for 25 years, she produced more than 100 plays in Fort Worth and New York, including numerous world premieres that went on to productions nationwide. As playwright, her works include *A Leopard Complains of Its Spots* (premiered at Pantheon Theatre), *La Llorona* (produced off-Broadway by Stageplays Theatre Company), and *Smart Pretty Funny*, which has been staged in the U.S. and Australia. She has taught at Texas Christian University and Western Washington University, serves on the board of Tarrant County Tax Increment Finance District 4, and has received honors including the 2020 Kline-Watts Award for Cultural Contribution from Near Southside Inc. and a 2019 Special Citation from MHMR Military Veteran Peer Network.



GRACEY TUNE, Lifetime Achievement Award

Gracey Tune, founder and Artistic Director of Arts Fifth Avenue, is internationally recognized for her achievements in tap dance as a performer, choreographer, director, and educator. She has collaborated with organizations including Hip Pocket Theatre, Jubilee Theatre, Texas Wesleyan University, University of North Texas, and Brown University, and contributed choreography to the Broadway productions *Steppin' Out* and *My One and Only*. A frequent guest artist at major tap events, she has performed with celebrated artists including Cholly Atkins and her brother, Tony Award winner Tommy Tune. Her honors include induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame by Governor Ann Richards, the City of Fort Worth's Outstanding Woman in the Arts award, designation as an inaugural Texas Tap Legend by the Dance Council of North Texas, and the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Live Theatre League of Tarrant County. She continues to teach, perform, produce, and mentor artists at Arts Fifth Avenue.

ARTSForward SUMMIT 2025



In 2025, Arts Fort Worth hosted the first ever ARTSForward Summit at Texas Wesleyan University on March 29th. The event was preceded by our annual Heart of Gold reception on March 28th.

ARTSForward was a citywide summit that brought together artists, community advocates, performers and policymakers to discuss the current and future state of the arts across various sectors, including education, health and technology.

The 2025 Summit had three topic tracks:

- ▶ Beyond the Classroom- The Arts & Education
- ▶ Prescription: Arts- The Arts & Healing
- ▶ Evolving Perspectives- The Arts in the Future

Randy Cohen, Vice President of Research at Americans for the Arts, gave a stirring keynote presentation at ARTSforward Summit. He spoke about the use of data for arts advocacy, such as the Arts & Economic Prosperity study, the largest national research project measuring the economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture organizations, including right here in Fort Worth.

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ARTSForward SUMMIT 2025



“The arts in Fort Worth are alive and well. I know it is an extremely challenging time in our history in terms of funding, opportunities and support. But the community is creative, strong, and willing to work for as much security as we can muster.”



“The summit gave arts groups an opportunity to interact with each other and see the possibility of future collaborations. It was a perfect example of something you didn't know you needed until you got it - thank you.”



“I think it was successful, and I look forward to more in the future. We have to do it again”

- Comments from Attendees

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GRANTS PROGRAM

The goals of our grants are to:

- ▷ Foster a culture of creativity and innovation
- ▷ Celebrate community diversity through inclusive artistic expression
- ▷ Increase accessibility and encourage broad-based participation in arts activities
- ▷ Strengthen the service capacity and business practices of arts providers, and,
- ▷ Promote tourism and economic growth in the City of Fort Worth.

FACTS ABOUT FY25 GRANTEES

**Awarded 45 Fort Worth Arts Nonprofits
over \$1.4 million in grants for Operating
Support, Outreach Programming, and
Marketing to tourists**

Supports over 4,000 jobs

**Yields over \$4 Million in local tax
revenues**

OPERATING GRANT

This grant provides core mission support through unrestricted funding to established nonprofit arts organizations for general operations, administration, and programming costs. This grant is made possible in partnership with the City of Fort Worth.



Brown Girls Do Ballet

FWTPID

The Fort Worth Tourism Public Improvement District Grant provides marketing and promotional funding to arts and cultural organizations which promote and enhance the visibility of Fort Worth as an overnight destination to their patrons. This grant is made possible in partnership with Visit Fort Worth.



Decolonizing the Music Room

OUTREACH GRANT

The funds from this grant support live, in-person community engagement through the performing, visual, and interdisciplinary arts in all communities of Fort Worth. This grant is made possible in partnership with the City of Fort Worth.



Kimbell Art
Museum

GRANTS AWARDED

Organization Name	OPERATING	OUTREACH	FWTIPD	2026 Total Awards	Total Awards
619 Productions	\$5,000	\$6,020		\$11,020	2
Amon Carter Museum of American Art	\$34,310		\$35,000	\$69,310	2
Amphibian Stage Productions	\$35,150		\$5,500	\$40,650	2
Artes de la Rosa	\$22,500	\$10,000		\$32,500	2
Arts Fifth Avenue	\$12,900			\$12,900	1
ArtsWorks Foundation			\$4,000	\$4,000	1
Ballet Concerto	\$13,425	\$2,250		\$15,675	2
Ballet Frontier of Texas	\$23,375	\$7,470	\$5,000	\$35,845	3
Botanical Research Institute of Texas			\$50,000	\$50,000	1
Brown Girls Do Ballet	\$5,000	\$10,000		\$15,000	2
Caminos del Inka	\$14,100			\$14,100	1
Casa Manana	\$32,412		\$40,000	\$72,412	2
Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth	\$24,500	\$10,000		\$34,500	2
Circle Theatre	\$32,232			\$32,232	1
Decolonizing the Music Room	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	3
Fort Worth Chorale	\$12,420	\$9,200		\$21,620	2
Fort Worth Opera	\$30,222	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$55,222	3
Fort Worth Museum of Science & History			\$40,000	\$40,000	1
Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra	\$33,580	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$58,580	3
Gold Tone Senior Citizen Choir	\$5,000			\$5,000	1
Grupo Pakal - Mayan Performing Arts	\$5,000	\$4,400		\$9,400	2
Hip Pocket Theater	\$20,575			\$20,575	1
Imagination Fort Worth	\$24,000		\$5,000	\$29,000	2
Kimbell Art Museum	\$28,397		\$45,000	\$73,397	2
Lone Star Film	\$21,000			\$21,000	1
Maroon 9 Community Enrichment Organization	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	3
Maxwell Hall Jazz Band	\$5,000			\$5,000	1
Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth	\$36,245		\$40,000	\$76,245	2
Ondas Cultural & Movement Arts	\$5,000	\$8,800		\$13,800	2
Panther City Artists	\$5,000	\$2,075		\$7,075	2
Performing Arts Fort Worth d/b/a Bass Hall	\$34,128		\$40,000	\$74,128	2
SiNaCa Studios - School of Glass			\$27,500	\$27,500	1
Southside Preservation Association	\$13,095			\$13,095	1
Stage West Theatre	\$34,420	\$6,510	\$10,000	\$50,930	3
Stolen Shakespeare Guild	\$12,000			\$12,000	1
Texas Academy of Figurative Art	\$12,150	\$10,000		\$22,150	2
Texas Ballet Theater	\$31,390	\$10,000	\$27,500	\$68,890	3
The Art Station	\$34,858	\$3,840		\$38,698	2
The Cliburn	\$35,040	\$9,300	\$35,000	\$79,340	3
The Thank You Darlin' Foundation	\$5,000	\$4,071		\$9,071	2
The Welman Project	\$33,490			\$33,490	1
Youth Orchestra of Greater FW	\$32,572			\$32,572	1
Total Amount	\$774,486	\$153,936	\$449,500	\$1,377,922	77

FORT WORTH PUBLIC ART



One Way by Leticia Bajuyo



Sipping from the Wetland by Anitra Blaytron

Public art helps to define Fort Worth's character as a vibrant and sustainable 21st-century city by celebrating its storied history, contributing to its iconic destinations, shaping its distinct neighborhoods, and honoring its close connection to nature. Since 2002, Arts Fort Worth has managed by the City of Fort Worth's award-winning public art program with over 160 pieces in the collection



A Very Long Now by Alicia Eggert



Energetic by Blessing Hancock

Eight artworks/master plans completed

- ▷ *Seeds of a New Season* by Clifton Crofford, Magnolia Avenue (D9)
- ▷ *Open Plains* by Matthew Mazzotta, Betsy Price Community Center (D7)
- ▷ *A Very Long Now* by Alicia Eggert, Marine Creek Parkway at Longhorn (D2)
- ▷ *Sipping From the Wetland*, by Anitra Blayton, Alliance Park (D10)
- ▷ *One Way* by Leticia Bajuyo, Marine Creek Parkway at Cromwell (D7)
- ▷ *Energetic* by Blessing Hancock, Sycamore Park (D8)
- ▷ Lighting Upgrades and New Lighting Program, Cliff Garten's *Avenue of Light* (D9)
- ▷ Historic Tile Murals Interpretive Plaques (Will Roger's Memorial Center) (D7)



Care and Conservation

The City of Fort Worth enjoys a notable collection of public art spanning over 100 years of creative work including contemporary commissions, acquisitions, gifts, legacy monuments, memorials, sculptures, and murals. Care of the collection and providing good stewardship is an essential component of the public art collection management. Each of the artworks has specific requirements for maintenance and care. The City's commitment to caring for the collection is guided by a robust Collection Management Plan, outlined in the Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update, assures that artworks are regularly inspected and maintained and repaired as necessary. In FY25, 74 artworks received treatments and repairs.

FORT WORTH PUBLIC ART



The public sculptural installation *Do Something Good For Your Neighbor*, by the Iowa-based Art Studio at RDG Planning & Design, is featured in the U.S. Pavilion at the 2025 Venice Architecture Biennale. A specially-created model of the installation, dedicated in 2021 at Lake Como Park in Fort Worth, is part of the PORCH: An Architecture of Generosity exhibition in the pavilion.

The site-specific installation, created by artist team Matt Niebuhr and David Dahlquist with community input, honors Fort Worth community leaders, including William H. Wilburn, Sr., founder and publisher of the Lake Como Weekly African-American newspaper, and Amon G. Carter, Sr., founder and publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and land donor for the establishment of Lake Como Park. The installation takes its title from the Lake Como Weekly's masthead artwork, a quote prominently framed as a cutout in the Corten steel structure.

Estrus Tucker, lifelong Como neighborhood resident and Chair of the City of Fort Worth Art Commission at the time of the work's dedication, called the work "a powerful invitation to engage a proud community with respect for its history and vision of dignity" in a press release announcing the work's inclusion in the prestigious biennial exhibition.

Wesley Gentle, Executive Director and President of Arts Fort Worth, the nonprofit that manages Fort Worth Public Art, told Glasstire, "Our team ... is passionate about making every decision community-driven. *Do Something Good For Your Neighbor* is a perfect example of why that matters. The community's vision in the Lake Como Public Art Master Plan, the words of neighborhood leaders that guided the artwork's design, and the story etched into this piece all make this a one-of-a-kind emblem of Fort Worth's collaborative spirit. We are so thrilled to see it celebrated on an international stage."

Nicholas Frank from *Glasstire*
June 26, 2025



Arts Fort Worth organized a panel discussion in partnership with Keith House, on Thursday, November 13, 2025. The panel focused on art in public space derived through the powerful intersection of design and public engagement. Panelists included: Ella Burton, Como Resident and Public Art Project Core Team Member; Matt Niebuhr, Artist and Senior Partner at RDG Planning & Design; Anitra Blayton, Lake Como Park Public Art Master Planner; Philip Newburn, Chair of the Fort Worth Art Commission; and, Janelle Montgomery, Director of Keith House.

The Art Commission advises and makes recommendations to Fort Worth City Council regarding the Fort Worth Public Art program. They oversee the implementation of the Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update, including project planning, artist selection, design review, and collection management. The commission also recommends fund-specific public art plans and the program's Annual Work Plan.

The Fort Worth Art Commission is comprised of nine (9) members appointed by the City Council, including five (5) arts professionals [with at least one (1) practicing artist, one (1) a curator, and two (2) design professionals] and four (4) community representatives, all of whom must reside in Fort Worth. Commissioners are appointed for two (2) year terms and may be reappointed up to two (2) times.

Maggie Adler, Art Professional 1
(Curator), Chairwoman
Libby Tilley Hogg, Community
Representative 4, Vice Chairwoman
Denise Turner, Community
Representative 1
Dr. Jennifer G. Brooks, Community
Representative 2
Lorie Kinler, Art Professional 3
(Design)
Philip Newburn, Art Professional 4
(Design)
Jessica Fuentes, Art Professional 2
(Artist)
Branigan Contreras, Community
Representative 3
Bernardo Vallarino, Art Professional 5
(Art Professional)

190 public Core
Team Members served
on public art projects
last year.



CULTURALYST: FORT WORTH

Culturalyst: Fort Worth is Arts Fort Worth's digital platform designed to strengthen visibility, access, and connectivity across our city's creative sector. By centralizing arts and cultural events into a comprehensive, community-driven calendar, Culturalyst serves as both a promotional engine for local organizations and a discovery tool for residents and visitors. The platform amplifies the work of artists and nonprofits of all sizes, helping ensure that Fort Worth's cultural offerings are accessible, equitable, and reflective of the community's diversity. As part of Arts Fort Worth's broader mission to support and sustain the arts, Culturalyst plays a vital role in building awareness, audience engagement, and long-term cultural vitality.

Announced at the 2025 ARTSForward Summit, Culturalyst: Fort Worth went live in the Summer of 2025. Since then Arts Fort Worth has advertised the program by reaching out to local artists who have profiles to talk about their experiences on the platform and potential of creating a digital hub for the Fort Worth arts community.



**A PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN ARTS FORT
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TO BUILD THE FUTURE
OF CULTURAL
DISCOVERY AND
SUPPORT**

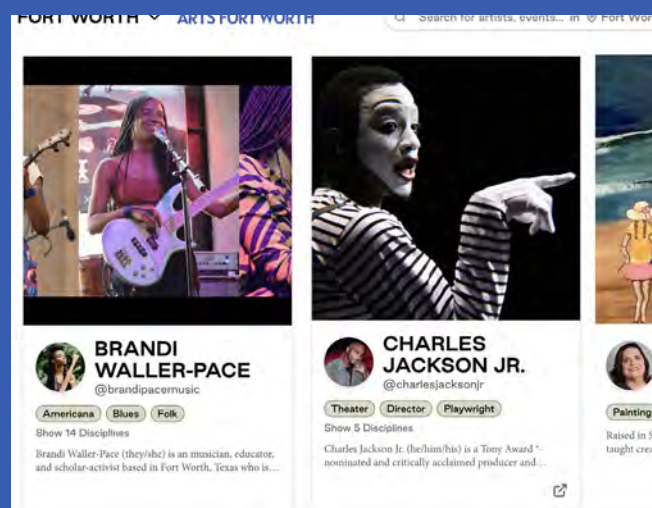
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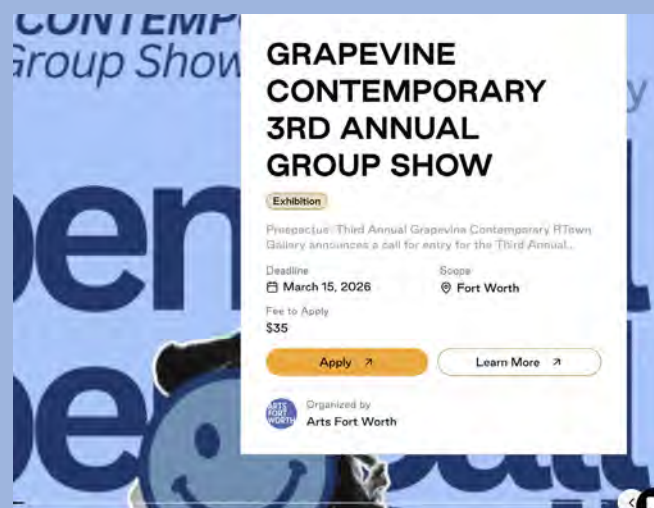
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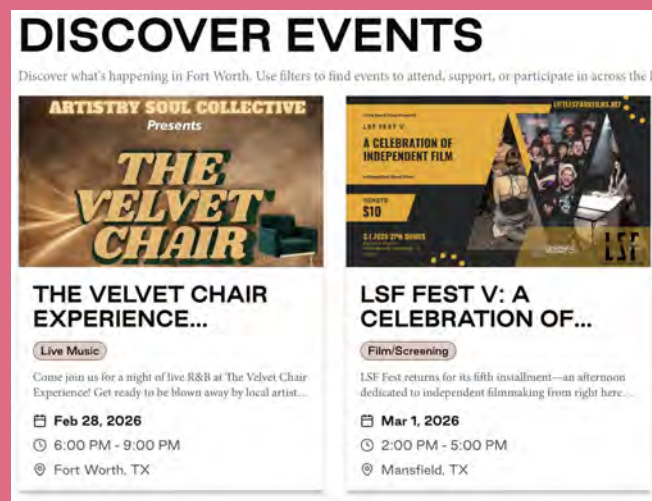
The platform empowers artists and organizations to create free, customizable profiles that function as accessible marketing infrastructure, leveling the playing field for creatives of all sizes. In its first year, Culturalyst supported **192 artist and organization profiles** expanding audience reach and increasing discoverability across Fort Worth's diverse creative landscape.



Culturalyst: Fort Worth not only promotes events and artist profiles, but also serves as a vital resource hub through its dedicated Opportunities listings. The platform features calls for artists, grants, public art projects, auditions, studio space availability, and professional development programs, helping creatives access pathways for growth and sustainability. Last year, Culturalyst listed **1,996 opportunities**. Arts Fort Worth's Grant program will be listed on Culturalyst next year, with users applying directly through the site.



This year, Culturalyst: Fort Worth introduced a major platform update designed to improve user experience, expand functionality, and increase visibility for local creatives. At the heart of the update, is the new comprehensive community event calendar, which aggregates performances, exhibitions, festivals, workshops, and cultural programs from across Fort Worth into one centralized, searchable hub.



ART ADVOCACY

Produced by Americans for the Arts approximately every five years, Arts and Economic Prosperity Study 6 examines the economic impact of the arts and culture in Fort Worth and 360 additional communities across the United States. This research has been used for decades to leverage increases in local, state, and federal arts funding.

From May 2022 to April 2023, staff and volunteers attended arts and culture events to gather audience surveys in English and Spanish. Guests answered questions about their attendance at performances and events. The survey had 13 questions, took two to three minutes to complete, and all answers were completely anonymous.

Thank you to the 74 nonprofits and the 917 arts and culture event attendees who helped us complete Fort Worth's part of the Arts and Economic Prosperity 6 Study.

Past studies have focused primarily on the financial, economic, and tourism contributions of the nonprofit arts and culture industry. AEP6 expands beyond those topics to include measures of social impact. Surveys completed by individual attendees in the the City of Fort Worth demonstrate an appreciation for how the arts and culture impacts the development and well-being of the community and its residents.

Arts Fort Worth is looking forward to participating in the next version of the Arts and Economic Prosperity Study in 2027.



Audiences Demonstrate Appreciation for the Impact of Arts and Culture

Level of Agreement with Social Impact Statements



"This venue or facility is an important pillar for me within my community."
83% agree with this statement.



"I would feel a great sense of loss if this activity or venue were no longer available."
87.5% agree with this statement.

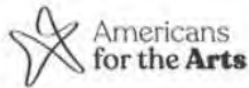


"This activity or venue is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community."
92% agree with this statement.



"My attendance is my way of ensuring that this activity or venue is preserved for future generations."
79.8% agree with this statement.





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The Economic and Social Impact of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences in City of Fort Worth, TX

Direct Economic Activity	Organizations	Audiences	Total Expenditures
Total Industry Expenditures (FY2022)	\$248,834,911	\$258,224,856	\$507,059,767

Economic Impact of Spending by Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences

Total Economic Impacts (Includes direct, indirect, and induced impacts)	Organizations	Audiences	Total Impacts
Employment (Jobs)	3,641	3,539	7,180
Personal Income Paid to Residents	\$185,978,303	\$117,766,937	\$303,745,240
Local Tax Revenue (city and county)	\$3,642,039	\$7,232,585	\$10,874,624
State Tax Revenue	\$3,098,670	\$6,002,008	\$9,100,678
Federal Tax Revenue	\$36,180,795	\$19,534,041	\$55,714,836

Event-Related Spending by Arts and Culture Audiences Totaled \$258.2 million

Attendance to Arts and Culture Events	Local ¹ Attendees	Nonlocal ¹ Attendees	All Attendees
Total Attendance to In-Person Events	4,454,413	1,414,379	5,868,792
Percentage of Total Attendance	75.9%	24.1%	100.0%
Average Per Person, Per Event Expenditure	\$39.84	\$57.10	\$43.98
Total Event-Related Expenditures	\$177,463,815	\$80,761,041	\$258,224,856

Nonprofit Arts and Culture Audiences Spend an Average of \$43.98 Per Person, Per Event

Category of Event-Related Expenditure	Local ¹ Attendees	Nonlocal ¹ Attendees	All Attendees
Food and Drink	\$16.92	\$21.32	\$17.98
Retail Shopping	\$8.76	\$6.82	\$8.29
Overnight Lodging (one night only)	\$1.37	\$11.48	\$3.80
Local Transportation	\$4.05	\$7.38	\$4.85
Clothing and Accessories	\$3.49	\$4.77	\$3.80
Groceries and Supplies	\$3.66	\$2.38	\$3.35
Childcare	\$0.77	\$0.95	\$0.81
Other/Miscellaneous	\$0.82	\$2.00	\$1.10
Overall Average Per Person, Per Event	\$39.84	\$57.10	\$43.98

Source: Arts & Economic Prosperity 6: The Economic and Social Impact Study of Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences in the City of Fort Worth. For more information about this study or about other cultural initiatives in the City of Fort Worth, contact the Arts Council of Fort Worth.

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IN THE NEWS



Fort Worth eyes library, community center spaces for local art exhibitions

“City library staffers identified 1,233 feet of wall space across eight branches and 20 centers that could support community art exhibitions that feature paintings, drawings, prints and photographs.”

From Fort Worth Report 1/8/26



Fort Worth Public Art Installation Featured in 2025 Venice Architecture Biennale

“The public sculptural installation Do Something Good For Your Neighbor, by the Iowa-based Art Studio at RDG Planning & Design, is featured in the U.S. Pavilion at the 2025 Venice Architecture Biennale.”

From Glasstire 6/6/25

East Fort Worth gateway sign on track to welcome drivers in spring 2026

“The State Highway 121 Art Project that features the city’s name spelled out in 10-foot steel letters from west of Maxine Street to Beach Street will be finished in May 2026, said Anne Allen, Public Art Program Manager with Arts Fort Worth.”

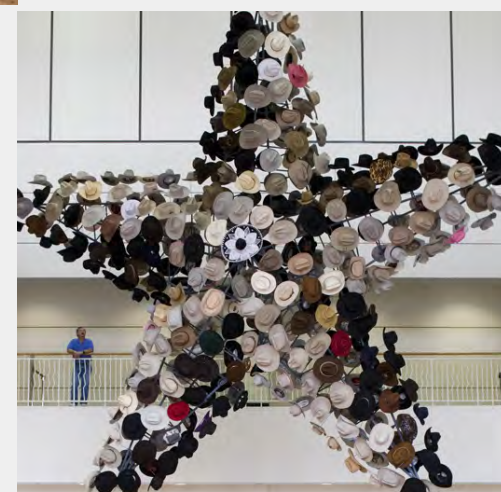
From Fort Worth Report 12/26/25



Crown jewel: How cowboy hats became a Fort Worth icon

“I’ve always been an arts person and always followed what’s going on in the Fort Worth arts community,” said Moorman, director of sales and marketing at the Fort Worth Convention Center since 2020 and also an Arts Fort Worth board member. “The Art Commission did a call to the public to bring in hats. And I thought, hey, I grew up in Fort Worth; I have a cowboy hat or two!”

City of Fort Worth Press Release 9/2/25



Fort Worth OKs \$784K contracts for 3 new public artworks

“Each artwork really brings its own angle to the city,” said Michelle Richardson, project manager with Fort Worth Public Art. “There are so many communities that have different perspectives on various things and that all comes out in these public art projects.”

From Fort Worth Report 6/18/25



Masterpieces for miles: The city’s hidden exhibit

“My hope for the program is that the City and its residents value and understand that the Fort Worth Public Art collection creates an important history for the generations after us so that they have some insight into who we are, who we were and what we valued and treasured,” said Jenny Conn.

City of Fort Worth Press Release 9/30/25



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Any donation, from a few dollars, to \$50 and more, is a powerful way to say: "I believe in the arts. I believe in Fort Worth." We'd love to count you in. Because when you give, you're not just donating—you're investing in the future of creativity in our city. Thank you for being part of the story. Let's keep building something beautiful.





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