FY 2022 Annual Report



Who We Are

The Mississippi Arts Commission is a state agency serving nearly three million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote and facilitate arts education, and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage. MAC receives funding through the National Endowment for the Arts, the Mississippi Legislature, and private sources.

Economic Impact of the Arts

The U.S.Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes \$2.5 billion to Mississippi's economy, representing 2.3% of the state's GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.



2.3% Share of Total MS GDP

25,767

2.5 Billion Value Added to MS Economy

Supporting the Arts Through Grants

195
Grants\$1.4M
Funds75
House50
SenateAwardedDistrictsDistricts

Grants to Organizations



Project Grants of up to \$5,000 fund a broad range of arts projects to municipalities, libraries, nonprofits and schools.

Minigrants for organizations of up to \$1,000 help fund artist performances and professional development.

Operating Grants of up to \$30,000 help nonprofit arts organizations maintain financial stability and improve programming.

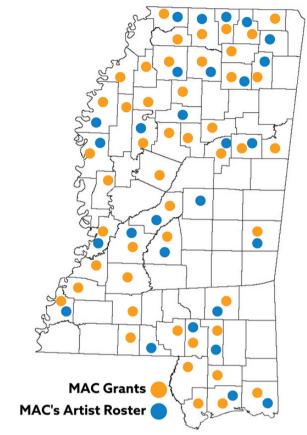
Grants to Individuals





Artist Roster

MAC's Artist Roster is a juried listing of nearly 100 artists and educational professionals who are available to perform or present their artform in communities around the state.



Artist Fellowships of up to \$5,000 are awarded to artists who have achieved a high standard of artistic merit.

Folk Arts Apprenticeships of up to \$2,000 allow master traditional artists to work with emerging artists in their discipline to pass down expertise.

Artist Minigrants of up to \$500 to support professional artists with professional development, promotional materials, or supplies.

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On this page, MAC links specific activities in FY2022 to goals outlined in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan (arts.ms.gov/strategicplan)

Strategic Plan Pillar 1: Expand MAC's role as a catalyst and public supporter of the arts.

114K Website Page Views



Governor's Arts Awards, an annual event produced by MAC since 1988, honors outstanding artists and organizations and celebrates Mississippi's cultural legacy. Recipients in 2022's in-person event included Alcorn State University Jazz Festival, Myrna Colley-Lee, Larry Gordon, Holly Lange, Mary Lovelace O'Neal, and The Williams Brothers.

MAC and its partners unveiled new Mississippi Writers Trail markers in FY2022 honoring Dorothy Shawhan, Richard Ford, and Willie Morris.

Gov. Tate Reeves named Catherine Pierce as Mississippi's Poet Laureate in April 2021. An accomplished poet and English professor at Mississippi State University, Pierce will serve as the official state poet for a term of four years.

Mississippi Arts Hour is a weekly arts interview radio show produced in partnership with Mississippi Public Broadcasting. In FY2022, MAC featured 52 artists on the broadcast, including Ralph Eubanks, David Rae Morris, Allie Grant, and William Dunlap.

Mississippi Folklife is an online journal dedicated to present-day folk and traditional arts in the state. In FY2022, 15 online essays were published.

Strategic Plan Pillar 2: Create opportunities to strengthen connections among artists and staff from cultural institutions.

193 State Arts Conference Registrations

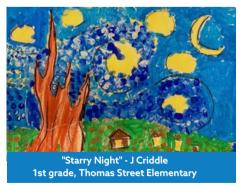
For the first time since 2019, MAC hosted the 2022 State Arts Conference in person at the Two Mississippi Museums in Jackson, on May 12, 2022. The conference had over 193 registered attendees and featured an Annual Folk Art Apprenticeship Showcase, professional development sessions, and Rita Brent as the keynote speaker. MAC also provided a professional photo session to Artist Roster members to have a professional headshot made.

State Arts Conference

Strategic Plan Pillar 3: Continue MAC's commitment to arts education and arts integration.

State Arts Conference 12.6K





Mississippi Whole Schools is MAC's statewide arts education program. In FY2022, 27 schools participated in the program, benefiting 12,657 students and 1,605 teachers. Mississippi Whole Schools hosted 124 professional development workshops.

Poetry Out Loud, a poetry recitation contest created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, helps high school students master public speaking skills and learn about literature. In FY2022, the contest was held virtually, with over 1,000 Mississippi students participating.

Strategic Plan Pillar 4: Expand resource capacity beyond annual appropriations.

50K Raised for MWS

MAC regularly raises funds from private entities to support programs like Mississippi Whole Schools. In FY2022, Mississippi Whole Schools received \$50,000 from the Hardin Foundation. MAC also raised \$71,950 (including inkind donations) for the Governor's Arts Awards.

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