

# The Arts in Arizona: District 17 Fact Sheet

## THE ARTS ARE ABOUT JOBS

Artists are entrepreneurs and arts organizations are small businesses: both of which make up the foundation of Arizona's economy. The arts also promote innovation, collaboration and partnerships, particularly within rural and underserved communities.

## PROPOSED CUTS TO THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

**While budget reductions are unavoidable, the reductions outlined within the FY10 GOP Leadership Budget would be devastating to the arts industry, reducing the state arts budget by up to 75% within one year.** Similar reduction percentages have so far not been proposed for other state agencies. The proposed reductions and account sweeps will eliminate grants that directly support private sector jobs in every Arizona legislative district.

Should these draconian reductions be enacted:

- Up to 50,000 private sector jobs across Arizona would be in jeopardy.
- 1.7 million Arizona youth could lose arts education programs in their schools and communities.
- Local economies would lose critical tax revenue generated by arts and culture activities in cities and towns.
- Local businesses and vendors would lose essential revenue generated by arts businesses and patrons.
- Arizona's federal arts funding would be lost because of the match requirement. Federal funds lost because of the state's withdrawal of state funds would be delivered to other states to be used for the same purpose.
- The Arts Endowment, developed in a 12-year public/private process begun by Governor Fife Symington and supported by multiple gubernatorial administrations and state legislatures, would be eliminated. If swept, the State of Arizona will be renegeing on commitments made to Arizona business leaders and private donors.

The "three-legged stool" of arts funding cannot be dismantled. We urge you to leave the ArtShare Endowment intact, preserve the Arts Trust dedicated funding and limit reductions to the Commission's General Appropriation line to no more than 25%.

## ▶▶ HOW THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS WOULD AFFECT DISTRICT 17 ◀◀

- **Arizona's District 17 is home to 595 arts-related businesses that provide 3,100 private sector jobs.\*** If the state withdraws its support to its statewide arts industry, these businesses and jobs will be at risk.  
\*Americans for the Arts Creative Industries Report, 2008.
- **A list of grants (\$\$) provided to District 17 in FY09 can be found on page 2.** These grants and programs would be eliminated if the state withdrew its support to the arts industry.

## THE ARTS IN ARIZONA

The Arizona Commission on the Arts is a 43-year old agency of the State of Arizona which supports:

- The development and retention of statewide jobs in the arts, culture and education sectors
- Access to quality, vital arts and arts education opportunities for all Arizona citizens
- Increased economic impact in local communities through partnerships that develop tax and business revenue
- **Annually, Arizona Commission on the Arts grants and programs serve 8 million people, and 1.7 million Arizona youth are served by Commission-sponsored arts education programs in private, charter and public schools.**
- **Arizona is home to 50,000 people employed in private sector jobs within the arts and culture industry.**
- In fiscal year 2009, prior to mid-year budget cuts, Arizona taxpayers contributed \$0.83 per capita to the statewide arts industry in public funds, ranking 42<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in per capita arts funding. Across the nation, the average annual per capita public funds contribution was \$1.35.

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## DISTRICT 17 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS, FY09:

**Legislative District:** 17

Organization	City	Project Title	Grant Award
A Ludwig Dance Theatre	Tempe	GOS I	1,510
A Ludwig Dance Theatre	Tempe	New Moves for New Places	1,400
Arizona Academy of the Performing Arts	Tempe	2009 Performance Season	7,500
Arizona Aloha Festivals, Inc	Tempe	Arizona Aloha Festival	3,750
Arizona Matsuri	Tempe	Matsuri 2009, A Festival of Japan	4,050
Arizona Wind Symphony, Inc.	Tempe	Arizona Wind Symphony	750
Arizona Wind Symphony, Inc.	Tempe	Arizona Wind Symphony Project Grant	825
ASU Bilingual Press	Tempe	Publication of a Novel and a Collection of Poetry	2,450
ASU Department of Dance	Tempe	Herberger College Dance Community Artist Partnersh	3,400
ASU Public Events	Tempe	Cultural Participation Project 2008-2009	5,464
ASU Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing	Tempe	Hayden	1,925
Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley	Tempe	Double Play	1,900
Childsplay, Inc.	Tempe	Working Capital Phase II	47,387
Childsplay, Inc.	Tempe	Basic Aid	44,892
Childsplay, Inc.	Tempe	The Paper Project	2,975
CONDER/dance	Tempe	GOS I	1,004
CONDER/dance	Tempe	Tender Ferocity - Expanding Dynamic Possibilities	1,700
Paiute Neighborhood Center	Scottsdale	A Photographic Exploration	1,500
Tempe Community Chorus, Ltd.	Tempe	Tempe Community Chorus Ltd	975
Tempe Cultural Services	Tempe	GOS	30,500
Young Artist Committee Inc.	Phoenix	Schimmel Piano Competitions	2,475
Tempe Union High School District		SAL - Step Into Arts Learning: Collaborative Art Project	\$2500
Center for Educational Excellence		SAL - Step Into Arts Learning: Opendance Residency	\$1500
Progressive Theatre Workshop		SOG - Sudden Opportunity Grant: The New York International Fringe Festival	\$1000

**TOTAL ARTS GRANTS AND PROGRAMS IN DISTRICT 17, FY09: \$173,332**