



# Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs

We support the creative city by **promoting the value of arts and culture** in communities throughout Seattle.



## Arts by the Numbers

- **Arts boost spending in other sectors**, contributing to quality of life.
- **Seattle's creative vitality nearly 3.6 times the national average.**
- **Nonprofit arts generate \$330 million in direct spending and 8,000 FTE jobs.**
- **More than 4,000 arts-related businesses employ 21,000 people in Seattle**

- Seattle nonprofit arts groups return **\$12.3 million** in city government revenue every year

- More than **8 million audience members** attended arts performances in Seattle this year – a significant increase





- Seattle Arts Commissioners – **citizen volunteers who advocate** within city govt. and beyond.
- Launched 5-year partnership with school district to ensure **quality arts education** for every student.

- Seattle among the **most creative, educated cities** in the nation – yet not all students have **access to arts education**.

- Arts partnership with school district captured attention of **Wallace Foundation** last year.

- Arts Education Partnership is in the running for a major **arts education planning grant** with potential multi-year funding.





- **Seattle #1 real-estate market and tops in arts-related businesses.**

- **Working to ensure arts and cultural spaces remain part of Seattle's neighborhoods.**

- **Storefronts Seattle** pilot project brings together artists, landlords, and communities to activate vacant spaces

- Seattle among **first in nation to adopt percent-for-art ordinance.**
- Public art **improves public spaces, educates and engages.**





- **Exciting visual arts exhibitions** bring new energy to City Hall and SMT

- **Free Thursday concerts** bring 350 music lovers to City Hall every week

■ In 2009, awarded **\$2.2 million** to more than 300 organizations:

- 140 Civic Partners
- 39 CityArtists
- 30 Youth Arts partners
- 37 Neighborhood & Community partners
- 58 smART ventures partners

■ Distributed federal stimulus funds to preserve dozens of arts jobs.





- More than **50%** of smART ventures projects **served communities of color and immigrant populations** in 2009.

- Small investments can make **big impacts**, particularly in ethnically diverse and economically underserved communities

- In 2011, the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs will celebrate **40 years of supporting arts and culture in Seattle**

- Seattle's public art program has a national profile and a **rich legacy** of nurturing creative achievement





Seattle: A **Creative City**  
and a **Cultural Catalyst**