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# **December 2023 Newsletter**

Here is what we have included for you in this month's newsletter:

- Arts Advocacy Day Save the Date
- Why the Arts Matter in Nebraska
- ArtsHERE Grant Statement of Interest
- Happy Holidays Message
- Join Nebraskans for the Arts Today!



The **2024 Arts Advocacy Day will be at the Nebraska State Capitol on Tuesday, February 20, 2024**. The tentative schedule of the day includes a legislative breakfast in the lower level of the State Capitol with advocates and State Senators followed by a morning of advocacy training sessions in the morning. The afternoon will be reserved for individual meetings with Senators or Staff, NAC Grant Writing Sessions, or focus sessions on arts education.

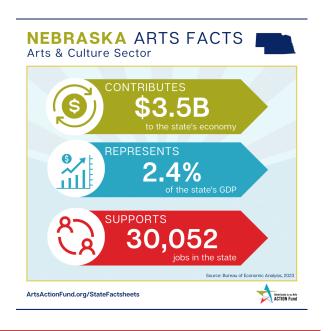
Registration for Arts Advocacy Day will open on Monday, January 8, 2024. Refer to the NFTA Website.

# **Did You Know!**

# Why the Arts Matter in Nebraska

Updated in 2023 with the latest data from the BEA (2021 data), NEA, and state arts leadership.

Use these talking points when having conversations about the importance of the arts.





## **ArtsHERE: Now Accepting Statements of Interest**

A new initiative from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) aims to expand access to arts participation in our country. A partnership with South Arts and in collaboration with the other five U.S. Regional Arts Organizations, ArtsHERE will provide non-matching grant support for organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to equity within their practices and programming. Grants will fund specific projects that will strengthen grantees' capacity to sustain meaningful community engagement and increase arts participation for underserved groups/communities. ArtsHERE is also a knowledge-sharing endeavor, with peer-learning and technical assistance opportunities for grantees. Working with grantees throughout the projects, the NEA also plans to report on lessons learned from this pilot initiative, which may inform the future of ArtsHERE and other similar funding programs and practices.

#### ArtsHERE Statement of Interest Deadline: Friday, January 19, 2024





## Happy Holidays from Nebraskans for the Arts

'Tis the season to support arts and artists! During the holidays, take the time to:

- Visit art galleries, arts festivals, and artist websites
- Attend community theatre and performing arts events
- · Enjoy the season of holiday music and concerts
- Find and read new books featuring local authors and illustrators
- And support your favorite arts organizations by becoming a member or donor.

### We need your voice for the Arts!

#### Join and Provide End of the Year support to Nebraskans for the Arts! Memberships start at \$25/year!

If you are not yet a member of Nebraskans for the Arts, now is a great time to change that! Individual memberships start at \$25/year. Memberships support NFTA advocacy and activities.

#### JOIN NFTA



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