



## **Organization Fact Sheet**

- Mission:** The Arkansas Arts Council advances and empowers the arts in Arkansas to provide a quality arts experience for Arkansans of all ages. Our goals are to:
- Encourage artistic excellence, diversity and innovation
  - Promote equitable access to the arts for all Arkansans
  - Develop arts in education for lifelong learning
  - Enhance community cultural and economic development
  - Build and sustain the capacity of the Arkansas Arts Council to fulfill its mission
- Profile:** The Arkansas Arts Council was established in 1966 to enable the state of Arkansas to receive funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. In 1971, Act 359 (A.C.A. § 13-8-101 et seq.) gave independent agency status to the Arts Council, with an executive director and a 17-member council appointed by the governor. In 1975, the Arts Council became an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.
- The Arkansas Arts Council administers grant programs and services that support and promote the art and artists of Arkansas, while at the same time making that art accessible to all Arkansans. The Arkansas Arts Council also administers federal, state and private funds and provides technical assistance to nonprofit arts organizations, schools and other organizations.
- Programs:** Arts in Education, Arts on Tour, Arkansas Artist Registry, Arkansas Living Treasure Award, Governor's Arts Awards, Small Works on Paper Touring Exhibition
- Funding source:** Funding is provided by the State of Arkansas and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.
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