

THE ARTS COUNCIL

ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS (501c3 NONPROFITS)

- Actor's Charitable Theatre
- Alabama Blues Project
- Alabama Choir School
- Alabama Heritage Magazine
- Alabama Public Radio/WUAL
- Brookwood High School Musical Theatre Department
- Children's Hands-On Museum
- City of Tuscaloosa Arts & Entertainment
- Crimson Pride Chorus
- Drishti
- Kip Tyner Productions
- Prentice Concert Chorale
- Sipsy Valley High School Fine Arts Department
- The Capitol School
- The University of Alabama Collaborative Arts Research Initiative
- The University of Alabama College of Arts and Sciences
- The University of Alabama Department of Art and Art History
- The University of Alabama Department of Theatre & Dance
- The University of Alabama English Department
- The University of Alabama Honors College
- The University of Alabama Museums
 - Alabama Museum of Natural History
 - Moundville Archaeological Park
 - Paul R. Jones Gallery
 - Paul W. Bryant Museum
- The University of Alabama Opera Guild
- The University of Alabama Press
- The University of Alabama School of Music
- Theatre Tuscaloosa
- Tuscaloosa Academy Fine Arts
- Tuscaloosa Children's Theatre
- Tuscaloosa City Schools Fine Arts
- Tuscaloosa Community Dancers
- Tuscaloosa County High School Drama Program
- Tuscaloosa Public Library
- Tuscaloosa Tourism & Sports Commission
- Tuscaloosa & University Painters

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

ARTS COUNCIL FORMED WITH IMPRESSIVE SUPPORT

The formation of an Arts and Humanities Council in Tuscaloosa County is being cheered all along the way. The high enthusiasm of its organizers is committed to a cultural and artistic life for our community. The high enthusiasm of its organizers is committed to a cultural and artistic life for our community. The high enthusiasm of its organizers is committed to a cultural and artistic life for our community.



Established in 1970 by a group of citizens dedicated to the arts, the mission of The Arts Council is to promote and encourage the arts and humanities in Tuscaloosa County. The Arts Council serves as the umbrella organization for 50 Member Organizations, offers educational programs, and manages the historic Bama Theatre and the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center.

COMMUNITY & ADVOCACY



The Arts Council serves as the umbrella organization for over 50 non-profit group (IRS-501c3) member organizations representing the visual, performing and literary arts, museums, and philanthropic organizations. Local community members and corporations can also join as individuals or corporate sponsors. The Council also sponsors the Druid Arts Awards and Community Arts Conversations. With two gallery spaces available, the venues provide

local visual artists spaces to display their art, as well as competitions that provide advancement and connection with other artists. The Tuscaloosa City Schools host the annual Tuscaloosa Can! event, providing the opportunity for unique student works to be displayed at the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center.



EDUCATION

The Arts Council provides arts education opportunities to students at the Bama Theatre, the Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center, and on site at West Alabama schools through Spectra. Disciplines include theatre, music, dance, visual art, and poetry. The Arts Council's programming exposes students to a wide range of activities conducive to academic and social development. Additional programming includes Poetry Out Loud, Visual Art Achievement Awards, Teacher Workshops, and support of Westwood Elementary through the Chamber of Commerce of West Alabama Adopt-A-School Program. The West Alabama Arts Education Collaborative serves to increase arts integration in the classroom through teacher training.

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DINAH WASHINGTON CULTURAL ARTS CENTER

The Dinah Washington Cultural Arts Center (CAC) is a hub for the arts in Tuscaloosa, managed and maintained by The Arts Council. The CAC houses the Alabama Power Grand Hall, perfect for weddings and private event rentals, and The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa Black Box Theatre which provides a location for performances in an intimate setting for family programming and educational opportunities. The University of Alabama rents a gallery space and The Arts Council maintains a gallery within the CAC. The facility also houses offices for the Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra, Alabama Blues Project, and the West AL Arts Education Collaborative.



IMPACT

Students engaged in arts learning have higher GPAs and standardized test scores, and lower drop-out rates. The arts and culture sector is a \$730 billion industry which represents 4.2 percent of the nation's GDP—a larger share of the economy than transportation, tourism, and agriculture (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis). The nonprofit arts industry alone generates \$135 billion in economic activity annually (spending by organizations and their audiences), which supports 4.1 million jobs and generates \$22.3 billion in government revenue. Creativity is among the top 5 applied skills sought by business leaders with 72 percent saying creativity is of high importance when hiring. The Conference Board's Ready to Innovate report concludes "The arts—music, creative writing, drawing, dance—provide skills sought by employers of the 3rd millennium." (Source: Americans for the Arts)



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