



Your Investment.
Strengthening Community.



What is Cuyahoga Arts & Culture?

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is the public funder for arts and culture in Cuyahoga County. We make grants from a voter-approved tax to support arts and culture. We support tens of thousands of programs and events each year that enhance education, enrich quality of life and support the local economy.

Our work strengthens the community by investing in arts and culture, and since 2008, we've:

- Invested more than \$125 million,
- Funded more than 300 organizations and
- Awarded more than 1,200 grants.



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Dear County Residents,

Thank you for recognizing the arts and culture sector as one of our community's key assets and for choosing to strengthen that asset with public funding. Your investment is making a difference throughout Cuyahoga County by supporting opportunities for creative expression, education and economic development. This makes our community an even more desirable place to live, work and play.

In this report, you will find inspiring examples of CAC-funded arts and culture organizations doing remarkable work to strengthen our community. These organizations provide new educational opportunities for students of all ages, improve the overall quality of life in Cuyahoga County and make our community more competitive at attracting and keeping talented minds.

Stewardship of public funds is a responsibility that we take very seriously. We continually review and assess our grantmaking processes to ensure that they are fair, consistent, objective and transparent. On your behalf, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture has put public dollars to work to support thousands of enriching arts and culture experiences in every corner of the county. Since 2008, we have awarded more than 1,200 grants and invested more than \$125 million in support of artists and organizations of all sizes.

At CAC, we believe that our community is a better place because of our investment in the arts and culture sector. We are proud to serve you and thankful for the incredible dedication of our Board members: Matthew Charboneau, Joseph P. Gibbons, Steven Minter and Eliza Wing. Together we are making Cuyahoga County an exceptional place to call home.

Sari Feldman *Karen Gahl-Mills*

Enhancing Education

Funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture supports education and learning opportunities for students of all ages. From field trips to museums to programs for students in schools to distance learning at senior centers and residences, CAC funding helps to infuse Cuyahoga County with programs that offer education for everyone.



PROGRESSIVE ARTS ALLIANCE



AMERICA SCORES CLEVELAND

CAC-funded organizations served **1.4 million children** in 2013 and offered:

- **21,411** classes and workshops
- **18,881** field trips for students
- **678** internships and apprenticeships

And **418,833** residents attended classes and workshops.



CENTER FOR ARTS-INSPIRED LEARNING



FRIENDS OF CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF THE ARTS



MOCA CLEVELAND



Spotlight On: Youth Education

Through Cleveland Public Theatre's **Student Theatre Enrichment Program**, which is funded in part by Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, Cleveland teens experience an arts-based job training program every summer. Students participate in a powerful, eight-week intensive that focuses on excellence in performance, play creation, writing and production. Students earn money while learning and practicing valuable job skills. Under the guidance of artistic mentors, teens develop an original play and perform it in public parks throughout the City of Cleveland.

"Receiving funding from CAC allows Cleveland Public Theatre to be more resilient and offer programs like STEP which changes the lives of local teens each summer."

– Raymond Bobgan,
Executive Director, Cleveland Public Theatre



CLEVELAND PUBLIC THEATRE

STEP is 20 years strong, resulting in:

800 local teens engaged **20** original productions created **150** performances in Cleveland **18,700** audience members

Enriching Quality of Life

Each year, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture funds tens of thousands of events and programs that take place in communities throughout Cuyahoga County, which provide a wide array of activities for everyone to experience. These offerings enrich our quality of life, bringing people together to celebrate the things that make Cuyahoga County a unique place to live.



WATERLOO ARTS FEST

CAC-funded arts and culture organizations served **5,939,681** residents and visitors in 2013

Nearly **50%** of admissions were **FREE**

More than **22,000** volunteers donated their time to help bring arts and culture to even greater audiences

Spotlight On: Festivals

Waterloo Arts Fest is one of Cleveland's many community arts festivals, attracting up to 10,000 visitors each June. A community-driven event, the free Waterloo Arts Fest offers visitors performing and visual arts, hands-on artmaking, interactive family fun and an artist marketplace. Waterloo Arts Fest activates Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood, providing a unique showcase for artists and this vibrant, historic neighborhood.



“Funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture allows Valley Art Center to support and retain our staff, which helps us build and improve the programs and events we offer the community.”

– Mary Ann Breisch,
Executive Director, Valley Art Center



VALLEY ART CENTER'S ART BY THE FALLS



CLEVELAND ASIAN FESTIVAL

Valley Art Center's Art by the Falls is a two-day, juried fine arts and contemporary crafts festival, now in its 32nd year, held in Chagrin Falls each June. 15,000 visitors from around the region return yearly to view and purchase the work of 120 artists from around the country including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, textiles, jewelry, weaving and ceramics.

Cleveland Asian Festival celebrates, educates and promotes all Asian cultures during a festival held in Cleveland's Asia Town neighborhood each May. In 2014, more than 38,000 residents attended the two-day festival, which offered local and national performing artists, authentic Asian cuisine and wares, family activities and more.

Supporting Our Economy

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture funding helps build stronger, more resilient arts and culture organizations that, in turn, make an impact on the local economy. Visitors from the county, region, around the country, and around the world, enjoy our world-class arts and culture. And, companies based in Northeast Ohio cite Cuyahoga County's vibrant arts and culture offerings as key to attracting and retaining talented employees.



WAREHOUSE DISTRICT STREET FESTIVAL

CAC-funded organizations impacted Cuyahoga County's economy through **\$342,955,828** in direct expenditures, including **\$149,616,298** in salaries in 2013.

These organizations support **nearly 9,000 jobs.**

Since 2009, **122** local artists have received support from CAC through Community Partnership for Arts and Culture's Creative Workforce Fellowship program.

Spotlight On: Economic Development

In addition to being the largest performing arts center in the country outside of New York, **Playhouse Square** focuses on making its neighborhood an important anchor for the City of Cleveland and downtown area. The district has become a dining destination, with 16 restaurants, the Wyndham Hotel and other local businesses, and recently added residential living (with a 100% lease rate and waiting list).

- Employs more than **430** workers
- Attracts more than **one million guests** to 1,000+ performances and events each year
- Generates an estimated **\$60 million** in economic impact in Northeast Ohio



BRITE WINTER FESTIVAL



PLAYHOUSE SQUARE

"The support we receive from the residents of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts & Culture helps us to fulfill our nonprofit mission and directly affects our ability to positively impact the local economy."

– Art J. Falco,
President and CEO, Playhouse Square

Cuyahoga County: a Hub of Creative Activity

Funding from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture helps create vibrant and energetic neighborhoods and helps establish Cuyahoga County as a hub of creative activity. CAC funds tens of thousands of programs and events each year, providing arts and culture for everyone to experience.

Through its partnership with the Cleveland Foundation's **Neighborhood Connections**, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is helping residents in Cleveland and East Cleveland make a difference in their neighborhoods through arts and culture. This program funds grassroots, resident-led projects that provide educational opportunities for children, beautify vacant spaces, and bring neighbors together. CAC and Neighborhood Connections have brought more than 100 projects to life in 30 Cuyahoga County neighborhoods.

DJAPO CULTURAL ARTS INSTITUTE (NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS)



LAND STUDIO'S AHAI CLEVELAND





Spotlight On: Creativity

AHA! Cleveland was a multi-day festival of lights presented by LAND studio in downtown Cleveland spaces in August 2014. More than 8,000 residents attended three public events funded by CAC featuring four large-scale art installations. The event, which residents helped choose through a pilot CAC grant program, reached over 450,000 people via social media channels.

Each year since 2007, support from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture has helped to present The Cleveland Orchestra's **Star-Spangled Spectacular**. This Cleveland tradition provides an opportunity for thousands of residents to experience a free outdoor Cleveland Orchestra performance.

THE CLEVELAND ORCHESTRA'S STAR-SPANGLED SPECTACULAR



Cuyahoga Arts & Culture's Commitment to Stewardship and Transparency

PARADE THE CIRCLE

CUYAHOGA ARTS & CULTURE:

- Spends public funds in line with its values: accountability, impartiality, transparency and partnership.
- Consistently receives the highest rating from the Ohio Auditor of State, with no audit findings or comments. In addition to receiving a clean audit report each year since its inception, CAC was awarded the highest audit rating and the Auditor of State Award for fiscal year 2013; see CAC's 2013 audit at cacgrants.org.
- Ensures that grant recipients demonstrate how their organization or program will benefit the community; and ensures that grant dollars are accounted for in regular progress reports.
- Consistently improves grantmaking processes and procedures to ensure that they are fair, consistent, objective and conducted in public.



The following chart summarizes CAC's financial statements from 2012 to 2014.

	YEAR ENDED 12.31.2012 <i>Audited</i>	YEAR ENDED 12.31.2013 <i>Audited</i>	YEAR ENDED 12.31.2014 <i>Unaudited</i>
Revenues	\$ 16,866,127	16,818,430	16,085,722
Expenses			
Arts and Cultural Grantmaking	16,301,510	16,740,336	16,806,751
General and Administrative	539,751	543,851	495,367
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,841,261	17,284,187	17,302,118
Change in Net Position	24,866	(465,757)	(1,216,396)
Net Position Beginning of Year	23,732,619	23,757,485	23,291,728
NET POSITION END OF YEAR	\$ 23,757,485	23,291,728	22,075,332

The fiscal year 2013 data used for this report were provided by the Cultural Data Project ("CDP"), a collaborative project created to strengthen arts and culture by documenting and disseminating information on the arts and culture sector. Any interpretation of the data is the view of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and does not reflect the views of the Cultural Data Project. For more information on the Cultural Data Project, visit www.culturaldata.org.

Additional data were provided by grant recipients to Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, including: Cleveland Public Theatre (p. 3), Waterloo Arts Fest (p. 4), Valley Art Center (p. 5), Cleveland Asian Festival (p. 5), Playhouse Square (p. 7), LAND studio (p. 9).

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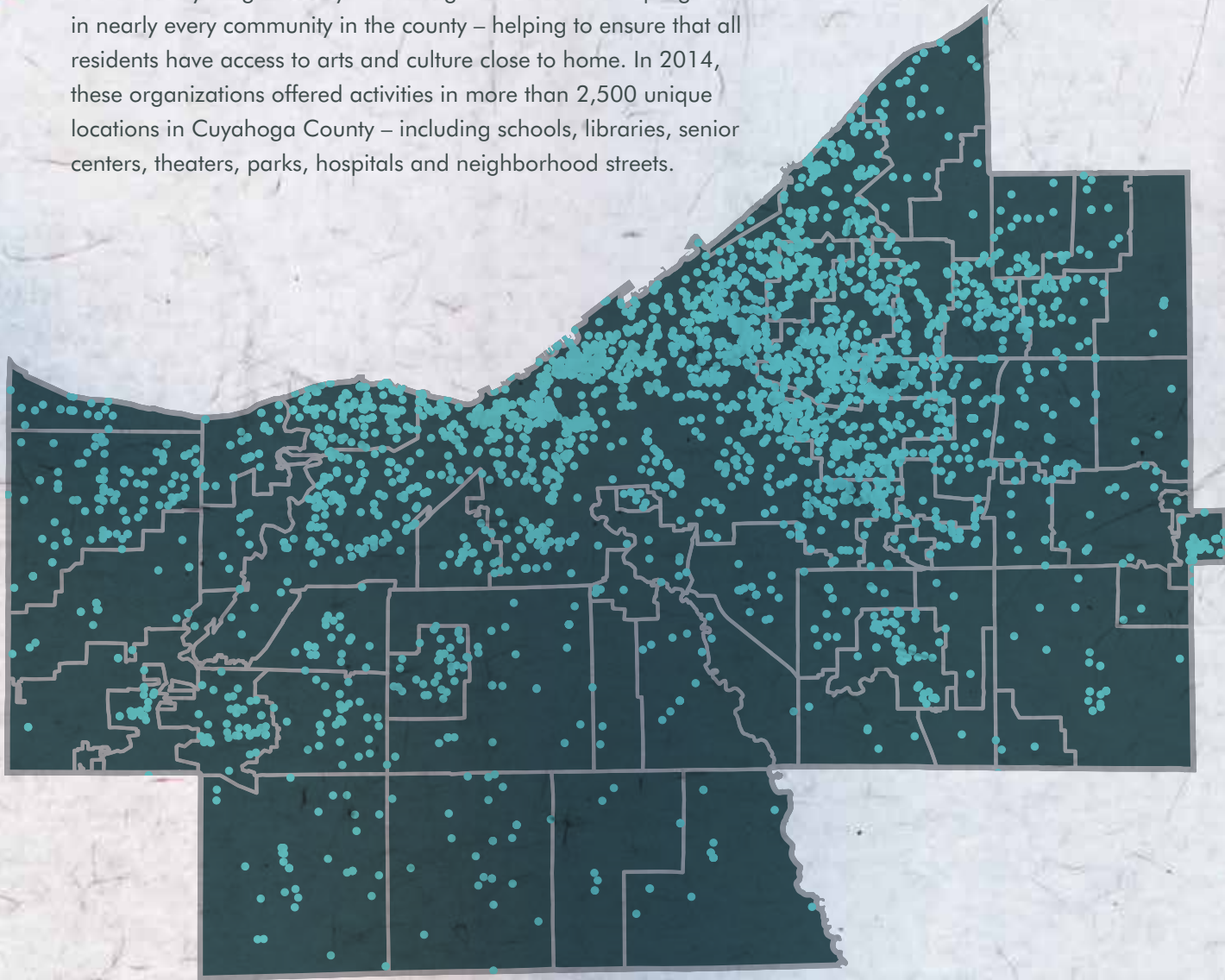
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County-Wide Impact

In 2014, Cuyahoga Arts & Culture funded 196 organizations based in Cuyahoga County. Those organizations offered programs in nearly every community in the county – helping to ensure that all residents have access to arts and culture close to home. In 2014, these organizations offered activities in more than 2,500 unique locations in Cuyahoga County – including schools, libraries, senior centers, theaters, parks, hospitals and neighborhood streets.



2015 Cultural Partners

Cuyahoga Arts & Culture is funding 195 organizations based in Cuyahoga County in 2015.

Arts Services

Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging
Community Partnership for Arts and Culture
Foundation for New Creative Projects
ICA-Art Conservation
Northeast Shores Development Corporation

Dance

DANCECleveland
Dancing Wheels
DuffyLit
GroundWorks DanceTheater
Inlet Dance Theatre
MorrisonDance
Verb Ballets

Education

Achievement Centers for Children
America SCORES Cleveland
Art House
Art Therapy Studio
Baldwin Wallace University
BAYarts
Beck Center for the Arts
Beech Brook
Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland
Broadway School of Music and the Arts
Brooklyn Heights Service Clubs
Building Bridges
Case Western Reserve University
Catholic Charities, Fatima Center
Center for Arts-Inspired Learning
Chagrin Arts
Children's Museum of Cleveland
City Ballet of Cleveland
Cleveland Institute of Art
Cleveland Institute of Music
Cleveland Leadership Center
Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
Cleveland UMADAOP
Eliza Bryant Village
Facing History and Ourselves
Famicos Foundation
Family Connections
Foluke Cultural Arts Center
Hospice of the Western Reserve
Jennings Center for Older Adults
Jewish Family Service Association
Jones Road Family Development Corporation
Joyful Noise Music School
Kulture Kids
Lake Erie Ink: a writing space for youth
Lexington Bell Community Center
Morgan Art of Papermaking Conservatory
and Educational Foundation
New Avenues to Independence
NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology

Notre Dame College
Open Doors Academy
Operation StandUP!
Orange Art Center
Pink Tutu Outreach Company
Progressive Arts Alliance
Rainey Institute
Reaching Heights
Roots of American Music
Scenarios USA
Shore Cultural Centre
Teaching Cleveland Foundation
The Music Settlement
The Musical Theater Project
The Roberto Ocasio Foundation
University Hospitals Health System
Valley Art Center
West Side Catholic Center
West Side Community House

Fairs & Festivals

A Day at the Chalet (Arts In Strongsville)
Art Jazz Jams (Union Miles Development Corporation)
Artistic Journeys (Berea Arts Fest)
Arts for All! (Arts for All of Northeast Ohio)
Arts in August (Tremont West Development Corporation)
Brite Winter Festival
Cedar Fairmount Summer Festival
(Cedar Fairmount Business District)
Chagrin Documentary Film Festival
Cleveland International Film Festival
Clifton Arts & Musicfest (Cudell Improvement)
Coventry Village Summer Series
(Coventry Village Special Improvement District)
EarthFest (Earth Day Coalition)
Festival of New Works
(Friends of Cleveland School of the Arts)
Front Porch Concert Series (LakewoodAlive)
Greater Cleveland Urban Film Festival
Holloran Park Music Festival
(Westown Community Development Corporation)
Heights Music Hop (FutureHeights)
Hungarian Scout Festival
(American Hungarian Friends of Scouting)
IngenuityFest (Ingenuity Cleveland)
Jewish FilmFest
(Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland)
Kamm's Corners Summer Arts Series
(Kamm's Corners Development Corporation)
Larchmere PorchFest
Latino Arts and Culture Celebration
(Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center)
North Union Farmers Market - Music at the Market
Ohio City Street Festival (Ohio City Inc.)
pARTy in Gordon Square
(Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization)
Pop UP Pearl
(Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation)

Rooms To Let: CLE (Slavic Village Development)
Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival (Shaker Arts Council)
Sparx City Hop (Downtown Cleveland Alliance)
Thyagaraja Festival (Aradhana Committee)
Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival (Merrick House)
Unity in the Community (St. Malachi Center)
Warehouse District Street Festival
(Historic Warehouse District Development Corporation)
Waterloo Arts Fest (Waterloo Arts)
WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays (University Circle Inc.)

History & Cultural Heritage

Beachwood Historical Society
Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Culture Association
Cleveland Grays Armory Museum
Cleveland Restoration Society
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
Historic Gateway Neighborhood Corporation
Irish American Archives Society
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
Ohio City Bicycle Co-op, Inc.
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
Schuhplattler und Trachtenverein Bavaria
Shaker Historical Society
Ukrainian Museum-Archives
Western Reserve Historical Society
Westlake Chinese School
Woodland Cemetery Foundation

Music

Apollo's Fire
Arts Renaissance Tremont
BlueWater Chamber Orchestra
ChamberFest Cleveland
Choral Arts Society of Cleveland
CityMusic Cleveland
Cleveland Blues Society
Cleveland Chamber Music Society
Cleveland Chamber Symphony
Cleveland Classical Guitar Society
Cleveland Composers Guild
Cleveland International Piano Competition
Cleveland Jazz Orchestra
Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra
Cleveland POPS Orchestra
Cleveland TOPS Swingband
Cleveland Women's Orchestra
Contemporary Youth Orchestra
Les Délices
Local 4 Music Fund
M.U.S.i.C.
Music and Art at Trinity Cathedral
North Coast Men's Chorus
Opera Circle
Quire Cleveland
Singing Angels
Sokol Greater Cleveland Czech Cultural Center

Strongsville Community Band
Suburban Symphony Orchestra
Symphony West Orchestra
The Cleveland Orchestra
The Singers' Club of Cleveland
The West Shore Chorale
Western Reserve Chorale

Nature & Science

Cleveland Botanical Garden
Cleveland Museum of Natural History
Doan Brook Watershed Partnership
Great Lakes Science Center
Green Triangle
Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
The Cleveland Seed Bank
The McGregor Home

Theater

Brecksville Theater on the Square
Broadview Heights Spotlights
Cassidy Theatre
Chagrin Valley Little Theatre
Cleveland Play House
Cleveland Public Theatre
convergence-continuum
Dobama Theatre
Ensemble Theatre
Great Lakes Theater
Mamai Theatre Company
Mercury Summer Stock
Near West Theatre
Olmsted Performing Arts
Playhouse Square
Talespinner Children's Theatre
Theater Ninjas
UpStage Players

Visual & Media Arts

Bellaire Puritas Development Corporation
Cleveland Museum of Art
HeARTworks
HeightsArts
ideastream
Jewish Federation of Cleveland
LAND studio
Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland
SPACES
St. Clair Superior Development Corporation
The Sculpture Center
Zygote Press



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Cuyahoga Arts & Culture’s mission is to inspire and strengthen the community by investing in arts and culture.

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