



Petition to increase the state of Georgia’s investment in the ARTS and ARTS EDUCATION

The ArtsGeorgia Board of Directors and Advisory Council proclaim:

- Georgia and its communities have a rich and historic heritage of arts and culture.
- The creative arts are vital to Georgia’s economy, its tourism industry, and enhancing the education capabilities of our young people.
- Visual, literary, media and performing arts enrich citizen’s lives in all communities of our state.
- The arts include: painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, crafts, writing, poetry, film, opera, dance, ballet, music, puppetry, drama and theater.
- The arts are essential, not an optional luxury.

We, the undersigned citizens, freely and voluntarily sign this Petition in support of a substantial increase in state funding for the arts and arts education. We respectfully ask our Governor and our state legislators to take these essential action steps for fiscal year 2018:

- **Restore funding to the Georgia Council for the Arts to the pre-recession level of \$5 million especially in light of the state’s \$2 billion budget reserves, and the upcoming milestone when the Georgia Council for the Arts will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2018.**
- **Include additional funding for arts education in grades K-12 to implement the sixteen recommendations established by the Arts Learning Task Force in all Georgia schools.**

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