IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE SOUL OF OUR CITY

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WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE ARTSMEMPHIS,

you take a deep dive into the heart and soul of our city. The people and organizations that make up our arts community give Memphis a collective energy and vitality that is unique to our soulful spirit.

ARTSMEMPHIS SERVES AS A

**convener, contributor, and connector**

among organizations and our community.

OUR MISSION

is to sustain Memphis' world renowned cultural vitality and strengthen local communities through the arts.

WE ENVISION

an Memphis in which every individual feels pride in our city's authentic cultural assets and experiences the impact of the arts in their lives.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Nonprofit arts and cultural programs drive

$197.3 MILLION

in annual spending within Shelby County

$22.4 MILLION

in revenue is generated by the arts for local and state government

6,138

full-time equivalent jobs are sustained by the nonprofit sector

2ND LARGEST ATTRACTION

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Arts and Economic Prosperity Study V (AEP5), 2015
When you give to ArtSmemephis, you are part of a $2.5 million investment in 73 arts groups and artists who collectively provide 2.5 million art experiences.

$2.5 Million

10% Project Support

36% Designated Grants

54% Unrestricted Support to Arts Organizations and Artists

164 Grants

2.5 Million+

Provided arts experiences in Shelby County annually to

73 Arts Groups and Artists

1.3 Million+ People of Color

550,000+ Youth

200,000+ People with Disabilities

4,500+ Individual Paid Artists

Grant Decisions

are made by a dedicated group of board members and volunteer grant panelists who conduct site visits and interview applicants. Our grant review system is very thorough, so you can feel confident that the organizations we support with your generous donations use our grant dollars where they will have the greatest impact.
ARTSMEMPHIS IMPACT

Every dollar you donate helps create an arts experience. Your gifts to ArtsMemphis provide arts experiences in every zip code in Shelby County.

CREATIVE AGING MEMPHIS

enhances the quality of life for Mid-South seniors by offering music and arts experiences. Creative Aging drives economic activity by working with over 70 local artists who are paid for their time and effort while engaging in the rewarding work of entertaining seniors and senior communities, most of whom are underserved due to age, disability or income.

TENNESSEE SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

brings professional theatre experience and Shakespeare scholarship in performance, training, and education that is unmatched in the state. TSC impacts over 33,000 students with its performances and programs.

SOULSVILLE FOUNDATION’S STAX MUSIC ACADEMY

programming seeks to inspire their students and enhance their academic, cognitive, performance, and leadership skills through music. SMA students have a 100% college acceptance rate, and Stax offers alumni support to see them thru graduation and/or job placement.

BALLET MEMPHIS

embodies the spirit and civic progress of our city by interpreting the South’s cultural legacy through dance and is recognized as one of the most diverse dance companies in the nation. Professional performances are just one part of their artistic engagement with the community, which also includes dance education outreach in underserved communities.
PLAYBACK MEMPHIS
“ArtsMemphis sustains and expands our work with the Memphis Police Department and deepens the impact of the Performing the Peace program. We value ArtsMemphis’ leadership in considering issues of diversity and equity in grant funding.” –Virginia Murphy, Executive Director, Playback Memphis

BLACK CREATORS FORUM
The Black Creators Forum, held in conjunction with the Indie Memphis Film Festival, fosters new collaborations with the hope of also easing barriers of entry to the film industry for black visionaries in other fields.

FINANCIALS
Fiscal Year 2019

95 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR YOU DONATE SUPPORTS OUR GRANTEES
Operating expenses are covered by endowment distribution and board giving.

REVENUE
- 27% INDIVIDUAL
- 44% CORPORATE
- 24% FOUNDATION
- 5% GOVERNMENT

EXPENSES
- 73% GRANTS & INITIATIVES
- 22% GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
- 5% MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

ENDOWMENT TOTAL $19 MILLION
- 58% ARTSMEMPHIS FUND
- 26% FUNDS HELD FOR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
- 16% ENHANCEMENT PROJECT GRANT FUND

For a complete listing of ArtsMemphis donors:
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These Shelby County arts organizations and artists received funding, mentoring and arts advocacy through ArtsMemphis in fiscal 2019.

Africa In April Cultural Awareness Festival, Inc.
Angel Street
Ballet Memphis
Beale Street Caravan
Beethoven Club
Blues City Cultural Center
Buckman Performing Arts Center at St. Mary’s School
Caritas Village
Carpenter Art Garden
Center for Transforming Communities
Circuit Playhouse, Inc.
Collage Dance Collective
Creative Aging Memphis
Grosstown Arts
Dixon Gallery and Gardens
Elmwood Cemetery
GermanTown Community Theatre
GPAC
Hattiloo Theatre
Indie Memphis
IRIS Orchestra
Latino Memphis
Lauderdale County Council of Arts
Levitt Shell
Luna Nova Music
Main Street Collierville
Memphis Black Arts Alliance, Inc.
Memphis Boychoir, Inc.
Memphis Brooks Museum of Art
Memphis Chapter of the American Orff-Schulwerk Association
Memphis ChoralArts
Memphis Jewish Community Center
Memphis Rock ‘n’ Soul Museum
Memphis Symphony Orchestra
Memphis Wind Symphony
Metal Museum
Music Export Memphis
National Civil Rights Museum
Neighborhood Christian Centers, Inc.
New Ballet Ensemble & School
New Day Children’s Theatre
Opera Memphis
Orpheum Theatre Group
Overton Park Conservancy
Playback Memphis
PRIZM Ensemble
Parks & Neighborhoods Division, City of Memphis
RiverArtsFest, Inc.
Soulsville Foundation
Spiritual Foundation, Inc.
Tennessee Shakespeare Company
The Blues Foundation
The CLTV (Collective)
The Withers Collection
Theatre Memphis
TheatreWorks
Total Spirit Connection Ministries
Transformations Autism Treatment Center
Turtle Island Native American Association
University of Memphis
UrbanArt Commission
Visible Community Music School
Voices of the South
ARTISTS
Nancy Cheairs
Sharon Havelka
Jed Jackson
Chuck Johnson
Lester Merriweather
Lacy Mitcham Veteto
Greely Myatt
Aisha Ranson
Juan Rojo
Breyannnah Tillman

“ARTSMEMPHIS has been instrumental in supporting our organization not just through funding opportunities...”

But by genuinely building us up and providing encouragement and support.”

Leanne Chasteen
Executive Director, CEO
New Day Children’s Theatre

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