

TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST



Programs and Initiatives

Our mission is to be the leading voice for the arts in education, advocacy, and economic impact in Texas, spotlighting the artistic excellence of our state. For more information please visit txculturaltrust.org.

ART CAN

Through Art Can, the Trust conducts research and publishes data quantifying the economic, educational, and cultural impact of the arts in Texas. These unequivocal findings are published in the Trust's State of the Arts report, highlighting the arts as vital to the development of young minds and a strong economy. In this way, Art Can serves as an invaluable resource for Texas parents, educators, the public, policy makers, and private entities. The data culled informs all Texas Cultural Trust programs and spurs the development of new initiatives to increase public funding, awareness, and support for arts and culture in the state.

TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS AWARDS

The Texas Medal of Arts Awards is the Trust's signature fundraising event. Every biennium, during the Texas legislative session, the Trust celebrates the power of the arts and excellence in the arts by presenting awards to Texas luminaries and leaders. These deserved recipients are artists of all disciplines, who've achieved greatness through their creative talents, as well as individual and corporate patrons who, through their generosity, have gifted inspiration and opportunity to the arts in Texas.

TEXAS WOMEN FOR THE ARTS

Texas Women for the Arts (TWA) is a statewide giving circle and membership program, comprised of influential women from across Texas with the mission to awaken and nurture the artist in every Texas child. Since 2005, this philanthropic force and champion for the arts and access to arts education has awarded more than \$2.9 million to arts organizations across the state, impacting over a million Texas children.

TEXAS YOUNG MASTERS

Texas Young Masters, a joint program between the Texas Cultural Trust and the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA), recognizes 8th through 11th grade students who demonstrate artistic excellence in music, theatre, dance, visual arts, literary arts, and other artistic disciplines. Every biennium, fifteen students receive the title of Texas Young Masters and are awarded a scholarship grant of \$10,000 over two years to enhance and build their professional artistic study. These scholarships provide incredibly talented students with opportunities they otherwise may not be able to access. Texas Young Masters helps our state's rising stars realize their potential as the next generation of leading visionaries in the arts.

ARTS ACCESS

The Arts Access program examines the needs and opportunities within Texas communities to increase access to the arts, culture, and arts education. This program is a growing collection of resources to support artists, arts educators, and arts organizations. Resources include the Trust's Arts and Digital Literacy curriculum, grants, networking opportunities, and additional means to expand access to the arts for all Texans.

PARTNERS IN THE ARTS

Partners in the Arts (PIA) is a membership program with a growing consortium of arts organizations, artists, and arts patrons across Texas. This membership platform enhances information sharing and creative collaboration. By uniting institutional efforts and ideas, Partners in the Arts support advocacy for the critical role of the arts to shape the economic, educational, and cultural future of Texas.