



**Top 2009 Arts, Arts Education, and Cultural Legislative Issues**

*Arts and Culture — part of the solution . . .*

*“The arts, humanities, and museums are critical to the quality of life and livability of America’s cities. It has been shown that the non-profit arts and culture industry generates over \$166 billion in economic activity annually, supports over 5.7 million full time jobs, and returns over \$12 billion in federal income taxes annually.*

*Governments which support the arts on average see a return on investment of over \$7 in taxes for every \$1 that the government appropriates.*

*Furthermore, federal, state and local governments, private foundations, corporations and individuals provide access to artistic activities for peoples of all races, creeds, and income levels.”*

**U.S. Conference of Mayors Strong Cities...Strong Families...for a Strong America Mayors’ 10-Point Plan**

*“ . . .policy makers would be prudent to continue to invest grant dollars towards Arts, Culture, and Historic resources as a way to help rebuild and sustain Florida’s economy and give our state the competitive edge to attract, sustain, and advance tourism, commerce, a skilled and creative workforce, jobs, downtown and neighborhood revitalization, health and wellness, key business relocation, and substantial returns on state investment.”*

**Associated Industries of Florida’s Economic Stimulus Package 2.0**

**1 Sustain state appropriations with no additional cuts (have already been cut by 82% in the last three years) for the Department of State grant line items for arts, cultural, historical, and humanities resources -- proven catalysts for economic diversification and development. For every dollar government invests in these resources, on average, \$7 is returned in taxes.**

State investment in these resources should be a vital component of a comprehensive economic stimulus package to help build Florida’s innovative economy, encourage business relocation, retain businesses, expand tourism, sustain and increase jobs, improve student achievement and graduation rates, decrease crime, strengthen health and wellness, revitalize downtowns and neighborhoods, and enhance image and quality of life in Florida.

**Program/Project Grant Line Items: The arts and cultural industries support what the Florida Department of State (DOS) Requested for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in its budget requests to the Governor (DOS Requests); however, we respect the challenges that face our state and encourage the Legislature to sustain current FY 2008-2009 funding levels (FY 08-09 column) with no additional cuts to these line items. Thank you.**

<b>Grant Program Line Items:</b>	<b>DOS Requests:</b>	<b>FY 08-09:</b>
Arts in Education Grants Program	\$ 700,000	\$ 418,488
Cultural Institutions Grants Program	7,000,000	2,375,108
Historic Museum Grants Program	2,000,000	479,993
Local Arts Agencies/State Service Organizations Grants Program	750,000	304,355
Science Museum Grants Program	550,000	418,488
State Touring Grants Program	300,000	228,266
Statewide Arts Grants Program	4,000,000	1,521,774
Youth and Children Museum Grants Program	270,000	205,440
National Endowment for the Arts State Block Grant	297,200	297,200
Florida Humanities Council (pass-through appropriation)	\$ 430,000	287,996
Historic Preservation Grants Program /plus federal dollars (Funded under Division of Historical Resources)	\$2,585,870	661,861
<b>SUBTOTAL Investment Request:</b>	<b>\$18,883,070</b>	<b>\$7,198,969</b>

**2 Support further economic development and jobs, and fund the ranked grant lists submitted by the Florida Department of State. Divisions of Cultural Affairs and Historical Resources for:**

Challenge Grants Program (19 projects)	<b>\$ 1,080,900</b>
Cultural Facilities Grants Program (33 projects)	<b>13,431,469</b>
Cultural Endowment State Matches (32 qualified matches)	<b>7,680,000</b>
Historical Special Category Project Grants (50 projects)	<b>13,259,921</b>

**SUBTOTAL for Ranked Grant Lists: \$35,362,290**

**TOTAL of State Investment Requests: \$54,245,360 \$7,198,969**

**Note:** \$54,245,360 reflects actual need  
\$ 7,198,969 reflects 08-09 — please sustain and do not cut.

**Other legislative issues — see page 2.**  
For additional information on these legislative issues, please e-mail the Florida Cultural Alliance at [FLCULALL@aol.com](mailto:FLCULALL@aol.com) or call 561-848-6231.  
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*Arts and Culture — part of the solution . . .*

*“World-class scientists demand the best in cultural, educational and recreational offerings when they’re deciding where to do their research.”*

**Dr. Richard A. Lerner, President**  
**Scripps Research Institute**

*“Policy makers across the country are finding that a relatively modest investment in culture frequently pays big dividends. Support for the production, distribution, and infrastructure of the arts is critical to success in tourism, attracting business interests, economic development, and quality of life issues.”*

**National Conference of State Legislatures**

*“74.9% of Florida visitors participate in cultural activities... It is important to understand the factors making Florida an attractive destination and to retain and enhance those factors.”*

**Florida Tax Watch Tourism Research Report**

*“New Cornerstone and other reports emphasized the role of arts, culture, and historic preservation in supporting Florida’s economy, helping advance key initiatives around the State.”*

**Florida New Cornerstone Revisited, 2007**  
**Florida Chamber Foundation**



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*“Students with high levels of arts participation outperform arts-poor students on virtually every measure.”*

**U.S. Department of Education**

*“Arts education is a money- and time-saving option for states looking to build skills, increase academic success, heighten standardized test scores, and lower the incidence of crime among general and at-risk populations.”*

**National Governors Association**

*“This is a world in which a very high level of preparation in reading, writing, speaking, mathematics, science, literature, history, and the arts will be an indispensable foundation for everything that comes after for most members of the workforce. It is a world in which comfort with ideas and abstractions is the passport to a good job, in which creativity and innovation are the key to the good life, in which high levels of education - a very different kind of education than most of us have had - are going to be the only security there is.”*

**National Center on Education and the Economy  
The New Commission on the Skills of the American Workforce's Tough Choices Or Tough Times**

**Support the following key legislative issues that impact Florida's arts, arts education, and cultural resources and the citizens and visitors of our state they help educate, enlighten, and entertain.**

The following legislative issues are not in any priority order:

- A.** Maintain all tax-exemptions for not-for-profit organizations to help them sustain much-needed quality services, programs, and jobs for the citizens and visitors of the State.
- B.** Preserve the Art in State Building Program, a well-established program that provides employment for artists and their contracted assistants and helps make our state buildings unique and inspiring places to work and visit.
- C.** Identify and secure new state revenue sources to help (1) restore education funding lost in the previous and current years; (2) increase the state's financial investment in education; and (3) avoid additional cuts in education funding. A strong, sustained state investment in education is vital to better meet *Florida's Constitutional* obligation to provide a “uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education.”
- D.** Provide for flexibility and local control of spending for school districts, e.g., allow transfer of capital funds into the general fund; delay implementation of under-funded and unfunded mandates; and keep Class Size Reduction requirements at the current level (school average).
- E.** Protect equitable access and time for students to study the performing and visual arts (art, music, theatre, dance). These courses and programs must not receive disproportionate school and district cuts, be severely compromised, or completely eliminated from the curriculum to meet budget shortfalls. Research demonstrates that performing and visual arts education help improve student achievement, test scores, graduation rates, critical thinking skills, crime prevention, and workforce readiness for the new creative economy.
- F.** Continue to fund the annual appropriation for Arts for a Complete Education within the Department of Education budget.

**Thank you for your consideration of these important state investment issues.**

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**to many challenges that face our state — ask us how.**

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**Endorsements:**

New endorsements will be posted daily.

- 508 Art Gallery
- 9 Muses Arts Center
- A.C.T.I.O.N. Foundation, Inc.
- Academy of Performing Arts & Entertainment, Inc.
- Actors' Playhouse Productions
- Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.
- Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association
- Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts
- Alhambra Orchestra
- Amelia Community Theater
- Amelia Island Book Festival
- Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival
- American Stage Theatre Company
- Ana G. Mendez University System South Florida Campus
- Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens
- ArtCenter/ South Florida
- ArtHaus Foundation of Volusia & Flagler Counties
- Ars Flores Symphony Orchestra
- Art League Marco Island's Center for the Arts
- Artists Guild of Manatee
- Arts and Cultural Alliance of Central Florida
- Arts & Humanities Council of Charlotte County
- Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida
- Arts Council of Hillsborough County
- Arts Council of Manatee County
- ArtSouth
- Asian Cultural Association of Central Florida
- Asolo Repertory Theatre
- Association of Performing Arts of India
- Atlantic Center for the Arts
- Bach Festival Society of Winter Park
- Ballet Flamenco La Rosa
- Barbershop Harmony Society, Harbor City Harmonizers
- Barbershop Harmony Society Winter Park Chapter
- Bay Arts Alliance
- Bay Street Players Theater
- Beaches Fine Arts Series, Inc.
- Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre
- Bok Tower Gardens
- Bradenton Cultural and Business Alliance
- Brevard Ballet Theatre
- Brevard Nature Alliance, Inc.
- Brevard Symphony Orchestra
- Broward Caribbean Carnival Inc.
- Brevard Cultural Alliance, Inc.
- Broward Center for the Performing Arts
- Broward Cultural Council
- Caldwell Theatre Company
- Carrollwood Cultural Center
- Cathedral Arts Project, Inc.
- Center for Creative Education
- Center for Fine Arts Education
- Center On Nonprofit Effectiveness, C-One
- Center Place Fine Arts and Civic Association
- Charlotte County Art Guild

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Charlotte County Public Schools
Charlotte Porcelain Artist's Association
Charlotte Symphony Orchestra
Chipola Historical Trust, Inc.
City of Palatka
City of West Palm Beach
Clearwater Arts Foundation, Inc.
Coastal Ob-Gyn Physicians Association
Cocoa Beach Surf Museum
Community Band of Brevard
Community Development Outreach Inc.
Conlee-Snyder Mural Committee
Coral Springs Museum of Art
Council on Culture & Arts, Tallahassee/Leon County
Creative Arts Theater
Creative Clay Cultural Arts Center
Cuban Classical Ballet of Miami
Cuban Museum Inc.
Cultural Arts Center of DeLand
Cultural Arts Coalition
Cultural Center of Spain
Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville
Cultural Council of Indian River County
Curious Echo Radio Theater, Inc.
Curtain Call Playhouse, Inc.
Dance Arts Centre
Davis Dance Company
Daytona Beach International Festival
Deering Estate at Cutler
Diaspora Arts Coalition, Inc.
Dunedin Fine Art Center
Edge Zones
Emerald Coast Community Children's Theatre
Emerald Coast Concert Association, Inc.
EMMA Concert Association
Enzian Theater
Eustis Public Sculpture Program
Events by the Sea
Fab Follies
Fantasy Theatre Factory
Festival of Orchestras
First Night St. Petersburg, Inc.
Flagler Auditorium
Flagler College Theatre Arts Department
Florida Alliance for Arts Education
Florida Art Education Association
Florida Art Museum Directors Association
Florida Association for Theatre Education
Florida Association of Local Arts Agencies
Florida Association of Museums
Florida Atlantic University's Lifelong Learning Society
Florida Center for the Literary Arts at Miami Dade College
Florida Craftsmen, Inc.
Florida Cultural Alliance
Florida Dance Association
Florida Dance Education Organization
Florida Film Institute, Inc.
Florida Grand Opera
Florida Higher Education Arts Network
Florida Historical Performance Company

Florida Holocaust Museum
Florida Humanities Council
Florida International University
Department of Theatre
Florida Keys Council of the Arts
Florida Music Educators' Association
Florida Network of Arts Administrators
Florida Professional Theatres Association
Florida PTA
Florida School Music Association
Florida Southern College
Florida's Space Coast Filipino American Charitable and Educational Foundation, Inc.
Florida Stage
Florida Studio Theatre
Florida Suncoast Puppet Guild
Florida Theatre Conference
Florida Theatre Performing Arts Center
Florida Youth Orchestra
Fly High Cultural Exchange
Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre
Fort Lauderdale Historical Society
Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival
Fort Walton Beach High School Theatre Department
Francis Wilson Playhouse
Friends of the Mid County Regional Library
Fundacion Internacional Ruben Dario
Gadsden Arts Center
Gainesville Association for the Creative Arts
Gainesville Ballet Theatre
Gainesville Chamber Orchestra
Galmont Ballet Center for Dance Education
Gold Coast Jazz Society
Gorilla Theatre
Greater Miami Festivals & Events Association, Inc.
Greater Miami Youth Symphony
Ground Up & Rising Inc.
Guild of the Museum of Arts and Sciences
Gulf Alliance for Local Arts
Gulf Coast Community College Division of Visual and Performing Arts
Gulf Coast Youth Choirs, Inc.
Gulfshore Playhouse
Gusman Center for the Performing Arts
Halifax Art Festival
Hernando County Fine Arts Council
Highsteppers, Inc.
Higher Ground Performing Arts Studio
Hillsborough Community College
Ybor School of Visual & Performing Arts
Hippodrome Theatre
Historic Polk Theatre
Historical Society of Palm Beach County
Hollywood Art and Culture Center
Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida
Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida

Honor America, Inc.
Indian River Cultural Council
Indian River Symphonic Association
Infinito Art & Cultural Foundation
Inspirit, Inc.
Jacksonville Film Events/Festival
Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Karen Peterson and Dancers Inc.
Kravis Center for the Performing Arts
Lake Eustis Institute
Lake Eustis Museum of Art
Lake Wales Arts Council
Leap And Fly Studios LLC
Lee County Alliance for the Arts
LeMoyné Center for the Visual Arts
Liberty Bell Memorial Museum
Liberty County Arts Council
Lily Mazurek Mandala Workshops of Florida
Lynn University Conservatory of Music
Mad Cat Theatre Company, Inc.
Mad Cow Theatre
Maitland Art Center
Maitland Historical Society
Melbourne Art Festival
Manatee County Cultural Alliance
Marco Island Historical Society
Marion Cultural Alliance
Mary Palmer & Associates, LLC
Master Chorale of South Florida
Mattie Kelly Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College
Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation
Maxwell C. King Center for the Performing Arts
Melbourne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society
Miami Art Museum
Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council
Miami City Ballet
Miami Contemporary Dance Company
Miami-Dade College - Kendall Campus Arts & Philosophy Department
Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs
Miami Dance Futures Inc.
Miami Design Preservation League
Miami Hispanic Ballet Corp.
Miami Northwest Express Track Club, Inc.
Miami Science Museum
Miami Symphony Orchestra
Military Heritage Museum
Momentum Dance Company
Mosaic Theatre
Multiple Personality Museum of Art | Fort Lauderdale, a division of Nova Southeastern University
Museum of Discovery and Science
Museum of Fine Arts
Museum of Florida Art
Naples Art Association
Naples Botanical Garden
Naples Historical Society
New Vista Theatre Company
No Jive Productions, Inc.
North Port Art Center
Norton Museum of Art
Ocala Municipal Arts Commission
Okaloosa Arts Alliance

Old School Square Cultural Arts Center of Delray Beach
Orange County Arts Education Center
Orange Ridge Florida Chapter of SPEBSQSA
Orlando International Fringe Theater Festival
Orlando Opera Company
Orlando Science Center
Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF
Orlando Theatre Project
Osceola Center for The Arts
Palatka Art League
Palm Beach County Cultural Council
Palm Beach Poetry Festival
Palm Beach Theater Guild
Panama City Square and Round Dance Association
Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus
Pasco Arts Council
Peace River Music Teachers Association
Peace River Quilters' Guild, Inc.
Pensacola Fiesta Barbershop Chorus
Performing Arts Network
Pinellas County Cultural Council
Platinum Coast Chorus of Sweet Adelines International
Playwrights Round Table
Polk Arts Alliance
Polk Museum of Art
Primal Connection
Puerto Rican Organization for Cultural Enhancement and Reaffirmation, Inc.
Punta Gorda Historical Society
Punta Gorda National Hibiscus Festival, Inc.
Puppetry Arts Center of the Palm Beaches
Pyramid, Inc.
Ridge Art Association, Inc.
Riverside Fine Arts Association
Russian Ballet of Orlando
Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc.
Safety Harbor Museum of Regional History, Inc.
Saint Augustine Beach Civic Association
Saint Johns Cultural Council
Saint Johns River City Band, Inc.
Saint Luke's Concert Series
Saint Petersburg International Folk Fair Society, Inc.
Saint Petersburg Little Theatre
Salvador Dali Museum
Santa Rosa Arts Foundation, Inc.
Sarasota County Arts Council
Sarasota Orchestra
Sea Grape Artists Gallery
Seminole Cultural Arts Council
Soulful Arts Dance Academy
South Beach Chamber Ensemble
South Florida Choral Arts, Inc.
South Florida Jazz, Inc.
South Florida Science Museum
Space Coast Art Festival
Space Coast Ballet
Space Coast Jazz Society
Stageworks, Inc.
Stetson University Art Department/Duncan Gallery of Art
Storytree Productions
Sunsation Show Chorus, Inc.

Sunshine District, Barbershop Harmony Society
Surfside Players
Swift Arrow Productions
Swinging Squares Square Dance Club
Symphony of the Americas
Taiwanese American Cultural Organization, Inc.
Tampa Bay Heralds of Harmony Chorus
Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Inc.
Tampa Bay Symphony
Teatro Avante and the International Hispanic Theatre Festival of Miami
Terrell Mill Gallery
The Armory Art Center
The Art Advocate of St. Augustine
The Artists Guild of Northwest FL
The Arts Center
The Arts Council of Greater Palatka
The Cove/Rincon Corp.
The Cuban Museum
The Cultural Council, Inc.
The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens
The DeLand Little Symphony
The Ewa & Dan Abraham Project - Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County
The Florida Center for Arts and Education
The Gainesville Community Playhouse at the Varn York Theater
The Gulf Beach Art Center
The Mennello Museum of American Art
The National Center for Jewish Cultural Arts, Inc.
The Palm Beach Pops, Inc.
The Snay Group, Inc.
The Studio @ 620
The Theatre League of South FL
The Thomas Center Associates
The Unconservatory, Inc.
The Venice Gondoliers Barbershop Chorus
The Winter Park Playhouse Theatreworks, Inc.
TheatreZone, Inc.
Tigertail Productions, Inc.
Toast of Tampa Show Chorus
Titusville Art League
Turkish American Cultural Association of Florida
United Arts Council of Collier County
United Arts of Central Florida
University of Florida Performing Arts
Venue Actors Studio
Venue Theatre Collective Inc.
Vero Beach Museum of Art
Vicki Glynn Gallery
Volusia County Community Chorus
Volusia County Cultural Alliance
VSA arts of Florida
Paradise Coastmen Barbershop Chorus
Young Actor's Theatre
Young At Art Children's Museum
Young Singers of the Palm Beaches
Zonta Club of Melbourne