



# 2018

## IMPACT REPORT



Acadiana Center  
for the Arts



With just a few months under my belt as executive director of the ACA, I have begun reflecting on how my role in the story of our community is not as the main character, or the wise guide; I get to be the storyteller. I get to share the story of the men and women who have built this organization from the ground up and carried it forward over the past 40+ years. This story has a huge cast of characters, an epic scale, spans decades, generations, and involves people from around the world joining together for the betterment of our community. It's a great story, and I'm thrilled to help tell its next chapter.

Together, we raised close to \$180,000 for the arts in 2018, which funded 290 projects allowing artists to provide people cultural experiences to 300,000 people in eight parishes.

Because of our dedicated and creative members, passionate board and staff members, strong partnerships, and informed opinion leaders, we have been able to impact communities in every corner of Acadiana, helping ensure they are more healthy, vibrant, and equitable. This work would not have been possible without these partners as we work to educate our field, communicate the power of the arts to decision makers, advocate for more resources, and innovate to ensure the sustainability of the field and our organization.

Our performances and exhibitions saw record attendance and brought droves of newcomers to downtown Lafayette. Our educational work expanded into two new parishes, more than doubling the reach of our in-class teaching artist programs and in-school performances. Our work in cultural development for the region brought about new community-led cultural activities and supported individual artists in eight parishes.

In this report, you will see how we are bringing cultural activity to downtown Lafayette, how we are celebrating the impact of the arts in our region, and how we are partnering with schools and organizations who can help us in our efforts to bring all the arts to all people for the improvement of our world. Thank you for the hard work that has been done and for the critical work to come.

We rely on our culture to unify our community and to drive the great progress we are making in Acadiana. In order to make that future a reality, we depend on our members, sponsors, and supporters of all kinds to invest in our programs and to choose to build a beautiful future for our region.

I hope you will join our cast of characters and make yourself a prominent part of our story--whether as a dynamic artist, a heroic volunteer, or a generous donor. Villains need not apply.

Your storyteller,

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Samuel Oliver, Executive Director

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Founded in 1975 as the Acadiana Arts Council, this community-supported organization was created to promote, support, and encourage cultural, educational, and creative activities in the region. Since that time, we developed as a major force in public education. Through partnerships with schools, we bring arts experiences—live performances, art classes, and arts-integrated learning—into classrooms in the multi-parish area. Our elementary-level arts-in-education program PACE (“Primary Academic and Creative Experiences”), now in its 20th year, conducts 155 classes weekly, impacts over 3,500 students in Lafayette, Broussard, Youngsville, Carencro, Scott, and throughout the unincorporated regions of Lafayette Parish every year.

In 2004, our mission grew too big for our space. We left our humble gallery and studio building and moved into the newly built Acadiana Center for the Arts with a vision of increasing its impact on the area and improving quality of life for the region through a vibrant venue for all kinds of cultural activity—art, music, dance, theater, and more. Our public facility in the heart of downtown Lafayette now includes an intimate 300-seat theater, large museum-quality galleries, as well as workshop, rehearsal, and office spaces for creative professionals. As a clearing house of activities in the arts, we assist smaller organizations around the region in publicity, grant writing, administration of projects, accessing local resources, coordinating activities, co-sponsoring activities, and in many other ways. More than 250 performances and events are presented by us each year throughout Acadiana, and free visual arts exhibits and monthly events draw more than 18,000 individuals annually.

Traditional and contemporary music and art come together in a continual celebration of the life and spirit of the region through our various programs. Concerts, plays, musicals, and other performances are presented each month in the heart of downtown Lafayette at our facility. Each month during Second Saturday ArtWalk our building bursts at the seams with hundreds of culture-hungry patrons looking to experience art from around the world in its spacious galleries. The center’s highly acclaimed concert series, Louisiana



Crossroads, runs year-round and showcases musicians from around Louisiana, playing alongside their inspirations from around the world, exploring history, geography, and tradition as they impact the work of Louisiana musicians and artists today.

As an organization that provides direct support for artists, festivals, and cultural organizations in an eight-parish region, we invested more than \$5 million in the region in the form of grants and direct aid. As an advocate for artists and the arts, we continue to demand fair and equitable compensation for the work of all artists and have helped to guide the region's treatment of artists as skilled working professionals. In all these activities, the AcA strives to support the cultural life of Acadiana in meeting its full potential.

On average, we serve over 300,000 people and provide fair pay to 2,700 artists annually. These public funds have supported the creation of new works of art, exhibits, performances, workshops, public art, audience services, professional development, training in various arts disciplines, and arts administration. We serve an eight-parish region that includes Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, and Vermilion Parishes.

One highlighted event is the Students Arts Expo, an annual showcase that takes over storefronts and businesses across Downtown Lafayette and displays the artwork of students from around Lafayette Parish Public Schools. The event attracts more than 5,000 members of the community each year to downtown and serves to celebrate the creativity and originality of young people working across the region.

We are a nationally renowned education center and have been a Kennedy Center Partner for more than 20 years. In 2006, the Acadiana Arts Council received the Governor's Arts Award for Project HEAL (Helping Employ Artists Locally). In 2016, we were awarded the Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana Culture Award as Outstanding Arts Organization.

As time goes on, our organization grows with the region. However, our mission has remained the same: to foster arts and culture throughout Acadiana.

# We are 25 board members...

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# and 20 staff members

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**with over 1,000 volunteers.**

# WE HELP INTEGRATE ARTS WITH EDUCATION.

2018 was a year of enormous growth for the AcA's role in education. We expanded from serving Lafayette's 43 public schools to now serving 77 schools throughout St. Landry, Vermilion, and Lafayette parishes. With 40 years of results and demonstrated impact, we are proud to drive the role of arts as a tool to improve learning from early childhood through high school graduation and beyond.

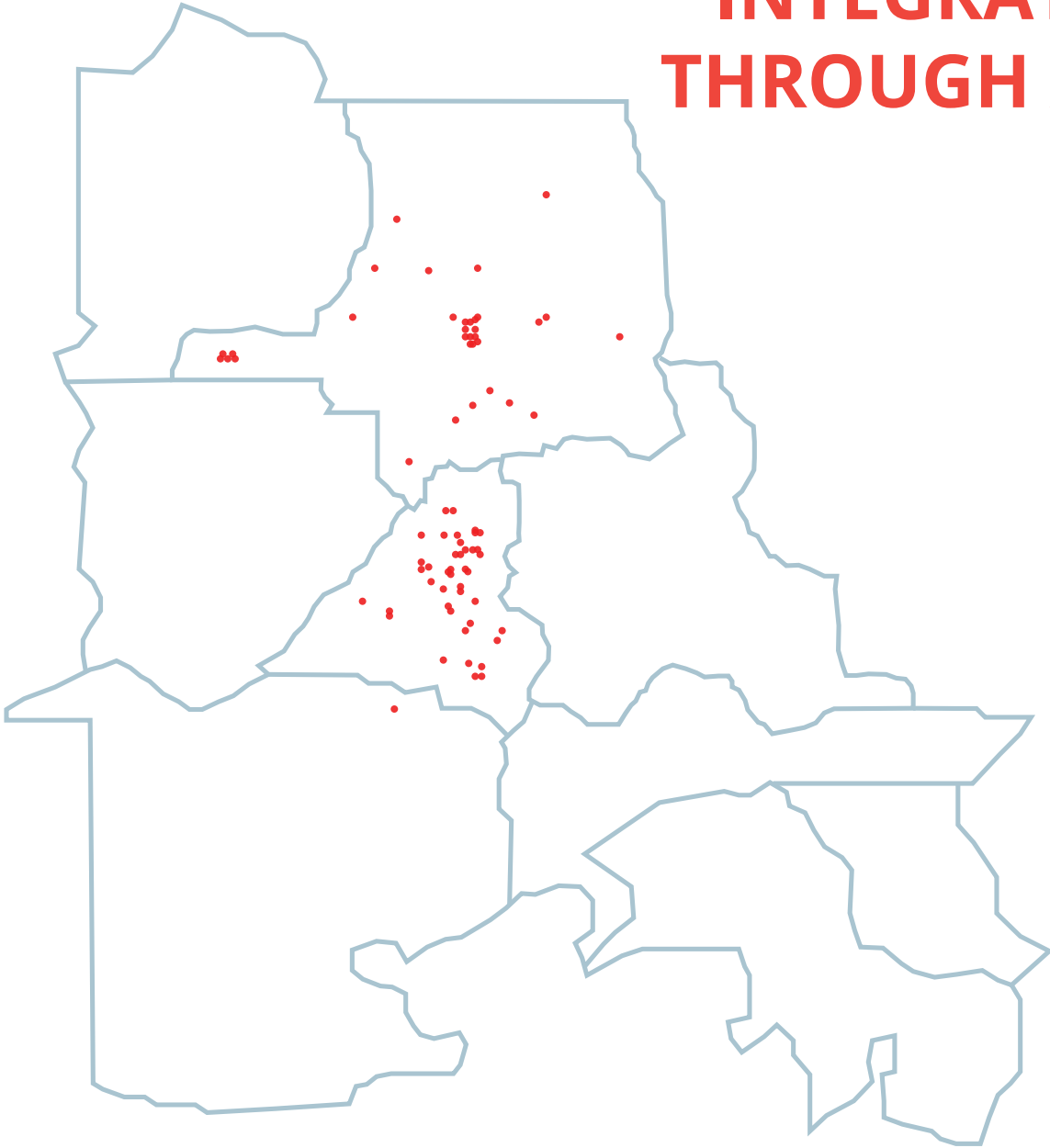
For over 20 years, we have been a partner with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' Partners in Education program. Based on the belief that teachers' professional learning is an important part of any effort designed to increase the artistic literacy of young people, this program helps organizations like the AcA develop and expand educational partnerships with their local school systems.



# 25,000

students experienced arts in their school through the ACA Arts-In-Education programs in Lafayette, St. Landry, and Vermilion Parishes.

# THESE SCHOOLS ARE INVOLVED IN ARTS INTEGRATION THROUGH ACA.





# WE SERVE SCHOOLS, STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGH SEVERAL PROGRAMS.

## **PACE (Primary Academic and Creative Experiences)**

Studies show that the arts can be used as a tool to encourage learning and deliver long-term positive results. In 1999, Acadiana Center for the Arts and Lafayette Parish School System created the PACE Program in response to the need for arts programming in elementary schools. PACE helps schools with their arts curriculum as well as teaching other subjects through the arts.

The PACE Program is based on the concept that children learn through listening, speaking, acting, moving and creating. PACE brings together Teaching Artists and classroom teachers, allowing them to learn from each other while providing an arts curriculum to students on a weekly basis for the whole school year. Kindergarten through third-grade teachers work with PACE Teaching Artists to develop lessons. Teaching Artists design arts activities focused on common themes that support existing classroom education.

**In 2018, the PACE program impacted 3,600 students and 165 teachers. 12 Teaching Artists worked in 21 elementary schools in select preK–3<sup>rd</sup> grade classrooms. Teaching Artists worked in each class for 32 weeks, in a total of 4,856 sessions.**

## **Teaching Artist Program**

Like PACE, the Teaching Artist Program provides opportunities for students to experience a variety of art forms and innovative arts activities such as music, drama, creative writing, visual arts, and folklife. Each of the session options are designed and presented by a local professional Teaching Artist.

**In 2018, 462 sessions took place, affecting 7,107 students.**

Lafayette: 166 sessions, 2206 students

Lafayette early childhood: 218 sessions, 3240 students

St Landry: 78 sessions, 1661 students (fall, 2018 only)

## **Touring Arts**

Touring Arts is a program built to introduce students to professional performances in dance, theatre, music, puppetry, storytelling, and more from local and national performers. Each performance serves a specific age or grade level. The Touring Arts Program provides opportunities for schools to request performances at their location or local theaters.

**In 2018, there were 76 performances impacting 13,500 students**

Lafayette: 51 performances, 9,145 students

St Landry: 25 performances, 4,365 students (fall of 2018 only)

## Arts Grants for Teachers

The grants provides funding for arts projects, activities and training, available to Lafayette Parish public educators. **In 2018, 15 grants were awarded, directly impacting 595 students and 27 teachers. A total of \$15,357 in grants were funded.**

## Student Arts Expo

Student Arts Expo is an annual public festival bringing thousands of people to downtown Lafayette. This program is a partnership between the AcA and the Lafayette Parish School System to highlight the work of our students in the visual and performing arts. Student Arts Expo is designed to increase public knowledge and appreciation for young artists through community engagement. With 3 stages and 25 locations throughout downtown Lafayette, Student Arts Expo is truly a community event.

**In 2018, Student Arts Expo had more than 70 visual arts exhibits and performances. About 2,000 students took part in the Student Arts Expo, representing nearly all public schools in Lafayette Parish. 23 Downtown Lafayette businesses participated in the 2018 Student Arts Expo.**

## Summer Camps

Our Summer Art Camps offer creative, challenging and fun hands-on experiences for children. We believe in an approach to teaching and learning that employs stimulating ideas like curiosity and self-expression. Our Teaching Artists bring an exceptional wealth of experience as working artists and educators. They have extensive backgrounds working with children of all ages and learning levels. The camp staff work together to design innovative and challenging activities that provide campers the opportunity to express their creativity!

**In 2018, we hosted 8 summer camps about literature, painting, Louisiana culture, sculpture, and multicultural art for 160 students.**

## Professional Development Workshops

Professional Development Workshops provide training in the arts for educators and artists working with students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The ongoing relationship with the John F. Kennedy Center through the Partners in Education Program has helped us to design training opportunities where educators learn proven techniques for teaching about the arts, and for using the arts to teach.

**In 2018, we held 6 workshops, which were attended by 59 teachers and Teaching Artists.**

# THESE ARE THE SCHOOLS WE SERVED IN 2018.

## LAFAYETTE PARISH

Alice Boucher Elementary School  
Broadmoor Elementary School  
Carencro Heights Elementary School  
Charles M. Burke Elementary School  
Duson Elementary School  
Ernest Gallet Elementary School  
Evangeline Elementary School  
Green T. Lindon Elementary School  
J.W. Faulk Elementary School  
J.W. James Elementary School  
Katherin Drexel Elementary School  
L. Leo Judice Elementary School  
Live Oak Elementary School  
Milton Elementary School  
Myrtle Place Elementary School  
Ossun Elementary School  
Corporal Michael Middlebrook  
Elementary School  
Prairie Elementary School  
Ridge Elementary School  
S.J. Montgomery Elementary School  
Truman Elementary School  
Westside Elementary School  
Woodvale Elementary School

Acadian Middle School  
Broussard Middle School  
Carencro Middle School  
E.A. Martin Middle School  
Judice Middle School  
Lafayette Middle School  
L.J. Alleman Middle School  
Milton Middle School  
Paul Breaux Middle School  
David Thibodaux STEM Academy  
Middle School  
Scott Middle School  
Youngsville Middle School

Acadiana High School  
Carencro High School  
Comeaux High School  
Early College Academy  
Lafayette High School  
Northside High School  
Southside High School  
David Thibodaux STEM  
Magnet Academy

## ST. LANDRY PARISH

Arnaudville Elementary School  
Cankton Elementary  
Central Middle School  
East Elementary  
Eunice Elementary  
Glendale Elementary  
Grand Coteau Elementary  
Grand Prairie Elementary  
Grolee Elementary School  
Highland Elementary School  
Krotz Springs Elementary School  
Lawtell Elementary School  
Leonville Elementary School  
North Elementary School  
Northeast Elementary School  
Palmetto Elementary School  
Park Vista Elementary School  
Plaisance Elementary School  
Port Barre Elementary School  
South Street Elementary School  
Southwest Elementary School  
Sunset Elementary School  
Washington Elementary School

Eunice Jr. High School  
Opelousas Jr. High School

Beau Chene High School  
Eunice High School  
North Central High School  
Northwest High School  
Opelousas Sr. High School  
Port Barre High School  
Magnet Academy for Cultural Arts

## VERMILION PARISH

Meaux Elementary School

# THESE ARE THE SCHOOLS OUR TOURING ARTISTS VISITED IN 2018.

## **TAIKO PROJECT'S BIG RHYTHMS, BIG DRUMS (OCTOBER 1-5)**

Alice Boucher School  
Cankton Elementary School  
Carencro Middle School  
Edgar Martin School  
Krotz Springs Elementary School  
Lafayette Renaissance Charter Academy  
Paul Breaux Middle School  
Plaisance Middle School  
Port Barre Middle School

## **NEW NATIVES BRASS BAND (OCTOBER 11-12, JANUARY 30-31)**

Carencro High School  
Comeaux High School  
David Thibodaux STEM Academy  
North Central High School  
Opelousas Sr. High School  
Paul Breaux Middle School  
Sunset Elementary School

## **KELLI JONES AND SHRUGS, PRESENTED BY SICKBAY (NOVEMBER 8-9)**

Comeaux High School  
LJ Alleman Middle School

## **SCOTT AINSLIE (NOVEMBER 12-13)**

Eunice Jr. High School  
Northwest High School  
Opelousas High School  
Opelousas Jr. High School

## **DROP THE B.E.A.T (NOVEMBER 28-30)**

Arnaudville Elementary School  
Lawtell Elementary School  
Leonville Elementary School  
North Elementary School  
Northeast Elementary School  
Plaisance Middle School

## **HOBEY FORD (DECEMBER 3-7)**

ESA Lower School  
East Elementary School  
Eunice Elementary School  
Grolee Elementary School  
Highland Elementary School  
JW James Elementary School  
L. Leo Judice Elementary School  
Middlebrook Elementary School  
Milton Elementary School  
Prairie Elementary School  
Southwest Elementary School  
Washington Elementary School  
Woodvale Elementary School

## **ROYAL JELLY JIVE (DECEMBER 13)**

Lafayette High

## **READING ROCKS! BY JOHNETTE DOWNING (FEBRUARY 4-11)**

Drexel Elementary School  
Ernest Gallet Elementary School  
Evangeline Elementary School  
Glendale Elementary School  
Grand Coteau Elementary School  
Grand Prairie Elementary School  
Live Oak Elementary School  
Myrtle Place Elementary School  
North Elementary School  
Ossun Elementary School  
Park Vista Elementary School  
Ridge Elementary School  
South Street Elementary School  
Truman Elementary School

## **BASIN DANCE COLLECTIVE (MARCH 11-14)**

Central Middle School  
Green T. Lindon Elementary School  
LJ Alleman Middle School  
Live Oak Elementary School  
Palmetto Elementary School  
Port Barre Elementary School  
Westside Elementary School





Students enjoy making paper bouquets at Student Arts Expo 2018



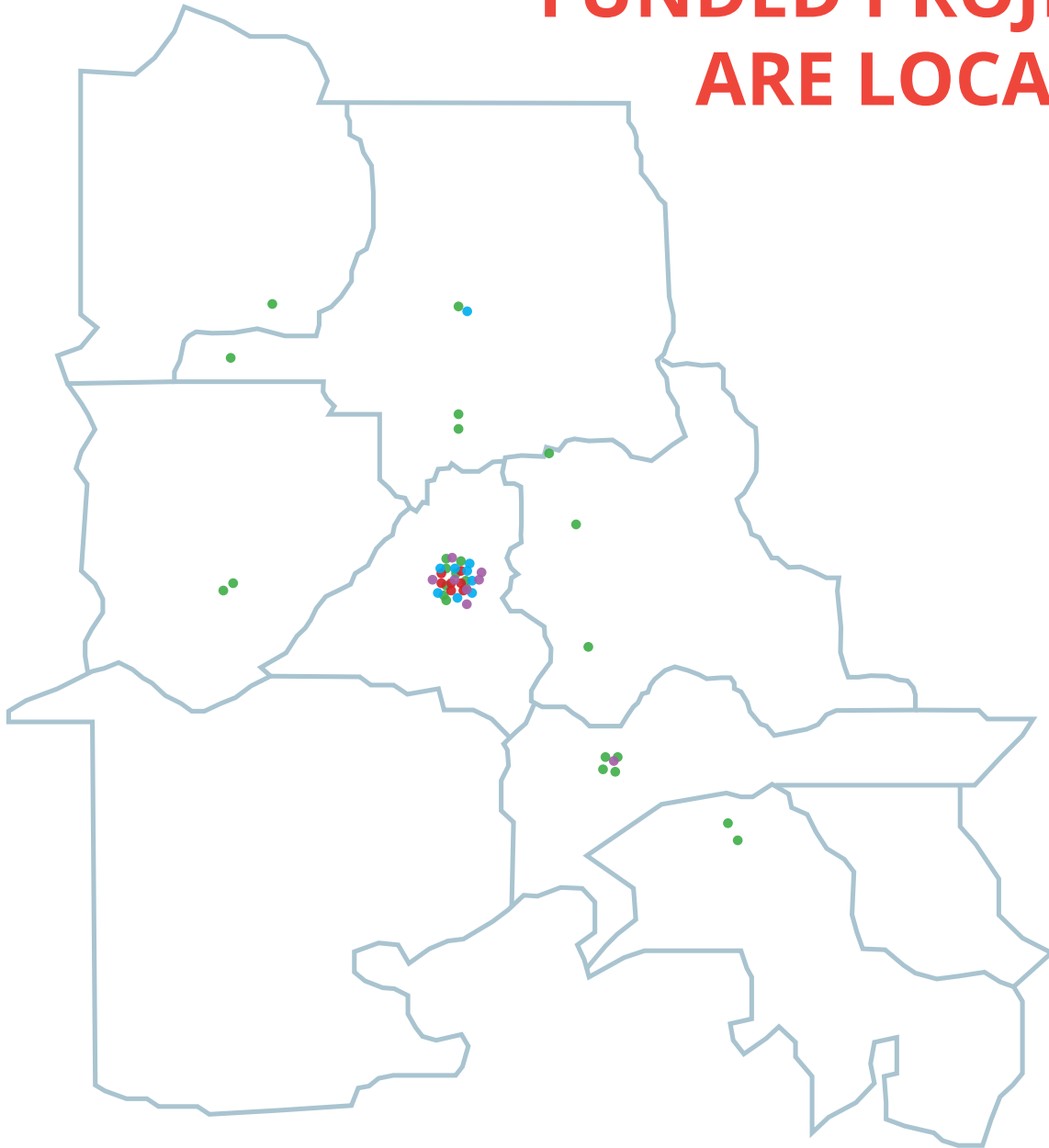
# WE HELP BRING ARTS INTO LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

We invest in arts-based projects that significantly enhance the cultural life of the community and promote local artists. In this role, we provide direct support for artists, festivals, and cultural organizations in our eight-parish region. To-date we have invested more than \$5 million in our artists and cultural organizations in the form of grants and direct aid. The AcA strives to foster and expand the ecosystem of culture in our region by supporting local artists to create new works and by engaging new audiences with cultural experiences throughout Acadiana. In keeping with our mission, the AcA supports fair and equitable compensation for the work of all artists and is committed to the promotion and support of artists as working professionals. The AcA strives to support artists in meeting their full potential and help them develop professional careers through advocacy at the local, state-wide, and national levels.

# 282,765

people were impacted by programs regranted through the ACA, totalling over \$274,000 dollars invested into arts and cultural projects.

# THIS IS WHERE ALL OF OUR GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS ARE LOCATED.



- DAF Grant Recipients
- LCG Grant Recipients
- Artspark Stipend Recipients
- L.Hill Bonin, Jr. Memorial Award Recipients



# THIS IS HOW WE SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

## **Decentralized Arts Funding (DAF) Grant**

DAF is an arts grant program created and funded by the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The Acadiana Center for the Arts manages this statewide, parish-by-parish program for Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion Parishes. This grant supports non-profit arts organizations, non-profit organizations, government agencies, schools and school boards, colleges and universities, as well as individuals.

## **Lafayette Consolidated Government (LCG) External Funding Program- Arts and Culture Grant**

Sponsored by Lafayette Consolidated Government, the Arts and Culture Funding Program improves art projects and the operations of arts and culture organizations that better the arts and cultural life of the community, while promoting local artists and the arts in Lafayette Parish.

## **ArtSpark Stipend**

Working with the Lafayette Economic Development Authority, we offer ArtSpark, an Individual Artist Funding Program. ArtSpark directly supports artists in Acadiana to expand their bodies of work as professionals and offer outreach to the community. These awards assist emerging, mid-career, and mature artists with short-term projects.

## **L. Hill Bonin, Jr. Memorial Award**

The L. Hill Bonin, Jr. Memorial Award is available for Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermilion Parishes. This program awards talented performing arts students with funds for enhancing their talents through participation in advanced classes outside of their current programs. This award also benefits non-profit groups that provide opportunities to students for enhancing their arts talents in dance, folklife, literature, media arts, music, and theater.

## **Play it Again**

Play it Again is an instrument-recycling program created to give the gift of music to students in Acadiana. With generous support from members of the community and Lafayette Music, we are able to collect old instruments no longer being used and repair them so they can be gifted to band programs in Acadiana public schools. The revival of donated instruments gives students the opportunity to learn and participate in music education. **In 2018, we gave 25 instruments to schools in Acadiana.**

# THESE ARE OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2018.

## DAF GRANT

Acadiana Cares  
Acadiana Symphony Association  
Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana  
Bunk Johnson Jazz Arts & Heritage  
Festival  
Chorale Acadienne  
City of Franklin  
Creole Heritage Inc.  
Crowley Art Association  
Eunice Rotary Club Community  
Outreach (501)©(3)  
Evangeline Parish Library  
Festival of Words Cultural Arts Collective  
Iberia Cultural Resources Association  
(ICRA)  
Iberia Parish Library  
Iberia Performing Arts League (IPAL)  
Lafayette Art Association, Inc  
Louisiana Folk Roots, Inc.  
NUNU Arts and Culture Collective  
St. Landry Parish Tourist Commission  
St. Martin Parish Library  
Teche Center for the Arts (TCA)  
Teche Theatre for the Performing Arts  
The Grand Opera House of the South,  
Inc.  
Thensted Center  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
University of Louisiana at Louisiana/  
Hilliard University Art Museum  
Vermilionville Living History Museum  
Foundation

Festival International de Louisiane  
Freetown Studios  
Lafayette Art Association, Inc.  
Louisiana Crafts Guild  
Louisiana Folk Roots  
Mardi Gras Association  
Vermilionville Living History Museum

## ARTSPARK

Chere Coen  
Eric Breaux  
Eric Hitt  
Hannah Thibodeaux  
JeLlyn Morvant  
Lucuis Fontenot  
Mark St. Cyr  
Sean Broussard  
Sue Schleifer  
Whitney Hebert

## L. HILL BONIN JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

337 Allstar Marching Band  
Annette Diaz  
Brooke Gutshall  
Cooper Helm  
Iberia Performing Arts League  
Zachary Fuselier

## LCG EXTERNAL AGENCIES FUNDING PROGRAM - ARTS AND CULTURE

Acadiana Symphony Orchestra  
Asociacion Cultural Latino Acadiana  
Ballet Acadiana, Inc.  
Children's Museum of Acadiana  
Chorale Acadienne  
Festivals Acadiens et Créoles





Performers from Whitney Hebert's *THIRST* on the James Devin Moncus Stage.

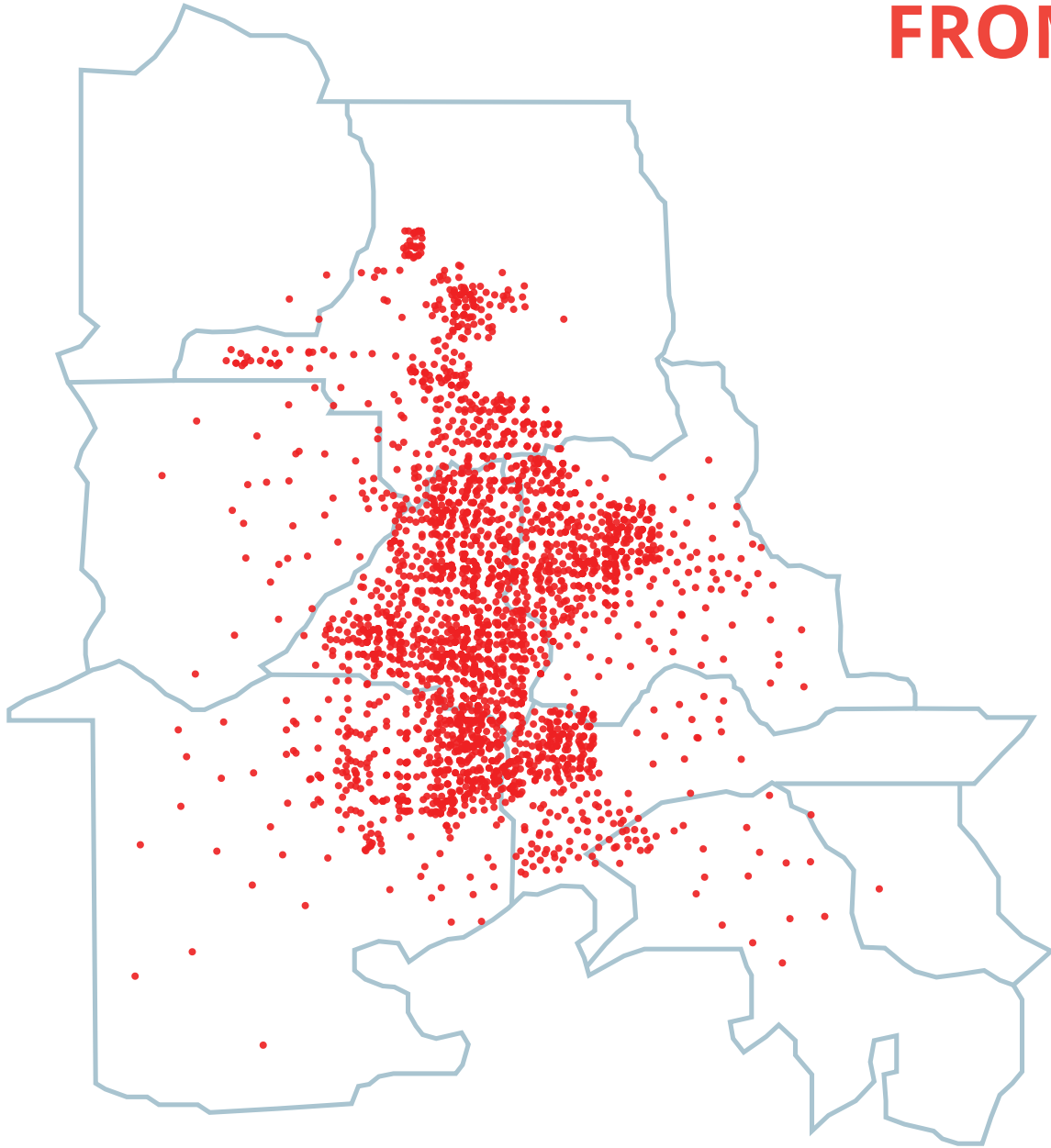


# WE LOVE SHOWCASING ARTS THROUGH ENTERTAINMENT.

The AcA brought tens of thousands of visitors and residents to Downtown Lafayette for a busy schedule of year-round performances, gallery openings, and special events. We are well established as a regional destination for music, drawing people from the wider Gulf South to our performances and galleries throughout 2018. Known for bringing artists from all around the world, we showcase their talent and the diversity of cultures they represent.



# THIS IS WHERE OUR TICKET BUYERS ARE FROM\*.



\*not including out-of-Acadiana visitors.

# 35,590

visitors came to our building  
in downtown Lafayette for  
performances and Second  
Saturday ArtWalk.

# WE BRING PERFORMING ARTS TO ACADIANA.

We are the leading presenter of live performances in Acadiana. Throughout the year, our world-class performances—including music, dance, theater—showcase talented artists from all over the world providing our region with entertainment and unique experiences. Since opening our theater in 2011, the AcA has grown to become one of the largest, multi-discipline performing arts presenters in Louisiana and one of the largest independent arts presenters in the Southern United States.

Traditional and non-traditional artists regularly appear in Lafayette for shows presented by the AcA, including Mavis Staples, Béla Fleck, Ray LaMontagne, The Avett Brothers, Lyle Lovett, Tedeschi-Trucks Band, Aaron Neville, Gillian Welch, The Mavericks, Lucinda Williams, Bruce Hornsby, The Virginia Rep Theatre, The Wood Brothers, Abigail Washburn, Jason Mraz, The Revivalists, Jonny Lang, and Acting Up among others.

The AcA presents over 100 performances and events annually in two venues—the James Devin Moncus Theater and the Heymann Performing Arts Center—and in site-specific locations and other spaces. The performances range among Modern and Classical Dance, Theater, Instrumental and Vocal Recital, Opera, Chamber Music, Jazz, New Music, World Music, Dance, and Storytelling. Our performances serve tens of thousands of patrons annually through performances, arts education, residency, and community programs.

## Concerts

From Americana to Bluegrass to Rock, we present high-quality performances that highlight the best-known names in music. Our MainStage Series brings a diverse mix to the Heymann Performing Arts Center stage. We also present varied contemporary world jazz musicians. We regularly transform the Moncus Theater into a jazz club with intimate table seating and wine service. Telescopic seating also allows us to create a flat floor for standing room only concerts, such as Gary Clark Jr.

## Louisiana Crossroads

Louisiana Crossroads is our premier production—a town-hall concert series in the vein of the Louisiana Hayride celebrating our state's immeasurable wealth of musical heritage. This series engages audiences through intimate performances that combine cultural influences and diverse artists. This season, the AcA partnered with our first curator Joel Savoy to assist with developing and creating the series.

## Family Performance, Dance, Theater

The AcA ensures family-focused and educational performances continue year-round in our community. Through these shows, we introduce young viewers to the performing arts in a family-friendly atmosphere.

We also foster local dance and theater initiatives and bring world-renowned companies to Acadiana, shining a light on the art of professional performance and the important role it plays in our community.

The Acadiana Center for the Arts is part of SouthArts Dance Touring Initiative (DTI), a program that supports performing arts presenters throughout the South. DTI receives

funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and supports venues across the South in developing quality performances, workshops, and audience engagement activities. In partnership with DTI, we strive to connect local audiences with touring modern dance and contemporary ballet companies.

## Silent Seats

Silent Seats is an outreach program that provides enrichment, education and entertainment opportunities for students who lack access to high-quality performing arts events. Since its beginning, we have identified Silent Seats Partners - individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations - to sponsor this program. In turn, the AcA manages the distribution of tickets through social service programs, school administrators, and, in some cases, to parents who cannot purchase tickets for their children to attend performance events. **Through the generosity of Silent Seats partners, we gave over 300 tickets in 2018.**

# WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

As a venue for the community, the AcA partners with local artists and organizations to present their work and to support their missions. These vital partners are performance groups, dance schools, social service organizations, public and private schools, universities, and government agencies. The AcA is proud of its strong relationships with these great organizations based in our community.

### ARTS, CULTURE, AND EDUCATION:

ABC Fund, Community Foundation of Acadiana  
 Acadiana Symphony Orchestra  
 Acting Up (in Acadiana)  
 Ascension Episcopal School  
 Association of Culture Latino Acadiana  
 Basin Dance Collective  
 Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival  
 CODOFIL  
 Episcopal School of Acadiana  
 Festival International de Louisiane  
 GEAR UP  
 The Hilliard University Art Museum  
 Lafayette Parish Public Education  
 Stakeholders Council (LaPESC)

Lafayette Parish School System  
 Louisiana Division of the Arts  
 Love of People  
 Southern Screen Film Festival  
 St. Landry Parish School System  
 University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
 ULL Athletics  
 ULL School of the Arts  
 UpStage

### CIVIC AND SOCIAL SERVICE:

Acadiana Cares  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana  
 The Daily Advertiser  
 Dreams Come True Foundation  
 Downtown Development Authority

Downtown Lafayette Unlimited  
 Hospice of Acadiana  
 Hearts of Hope Foundation  
 Kiwanis Club of Lafayette  
 Lafayette Economic Development Authority  
 Lafayette General Health  
 Leadership Louisiana (Council for a Better Louisiana)  
 Leadership Institute of Acadiana  
 One Acadiana  
 One Acadiana Ambassadors  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center



# WE CURATE VISUAL ARTISTS.

## Exhibitions

As an arts center with multiple gallery spaces and a destination for culture-seeking visitors, the AcA celebrates emerging and established artists from Acadiana and beyond by presenting exhibitions year-round to the public. We present several exhibitions simultaneously and new exhibitions rotate through the space each month at Second Saturday ArtWalk. Open to the public daily, there is always something new to see.

Our visual arts program features varying approaches to the presentation of contemporary art; retrospective exhibitions that look back at the entire career of a single artist; exhibitions that explore a particular history or theme through a group of artists work; and exhibitions of recent work by emerging and established artists, artisans, and documentarians. We focus on presenting photography, painting and drawing, sculpture, and new media works at a professional level with engaging materials. We are dedicated to creating an inclusive environment through fresh and inventive ways of presenting artwork that offer an enriching experience to both seasoned art-lovers and first-time art viewers.

## Second Saturday ArtWalk

This Downtown Lafayette event brings the city to life as each independent gallery, studio and art house opens their doors for this free event. Art aficionados and casual patrons alike will leave inspired as they explore the Downtown Lafayette Cultural District. We are one of the largest locations open during ArtWalk, having over 1,000 patrons coming into our galleries each month.

## Artist Residency

We value art making as an essential component of a vibrant, engaged and healthy community. The residency program strives to offer our local artists a platform to develop original work and to engage our audiences in a public dialogue on the value of contemporary art making.

Our Residency program began in 2012 and has hosted ten local artists in the development of original work in visual, performing, and media-driven disciplines. This program helps to build and strengthen the creative community where artists are in residence for three to six months at a time. The program is structured to offer support through rehearsal space, along with administrative and technical assistance.

# These were our exhibitions in 2018.

Abdi Farah and Ashley Tamer, *Black Patriots*  
Yeon Choi, *Making of a Woman's Tea Room*  
Arthur McVicar, *Wood Meets Paint*  
Tina Girouard, *Parts Known and Unknown*  
*Artists' Alliance Revisited 2018*  
Evan Koch, *Laminae Verso*  
Benjamin Guidry, *Azonal*  
*Acadiana Quilting Society*  
Chris Pavlik, *The Last Hundred Years And Other Ghost Stories*  
Gwendolyn Alexis Richard, *Sisters of Flora*  
Jessica E. Moore, *To Toil in Achilles' Heel*  
Angie Rheil & Mary Attwood, *Metal | Glass | Fiber*  
Kathy Dumisnel, *Nature's Labyrinth*  
*Shelf Life*  
*Educators as Artists*  
Matt Thompson, *Drawings*  
Eric Hitt, *A Ship's Worth*  
*Acadiana Open Studio Tours*  
Annette Aucoin, *Celebrating Turning Eighty*  
Heather Ryan Kelly, *Quiddity*

January 13 - March 24  
March 12 - April 17  
March 10 - April 14  
April 14 - July 14  
April 14 - June 23  
June 9 - August 25  
June 9 - June 30  
July 21 - August 31  
July 14 - September 22  
August 11 - September 25  
September 8 - October 23  
September 8 - October 27  
September 8 - October 13  
August 11 - November 10  
October 2 - October 23  
October 13 - December 8  
November 10 - January 12  
November 6 - December 8  
November 10 - December 8  
December 8 - March 9

# We had over 30 different artists perform throughout the year.

The Milena Theatre Group presents <i>The Registry</i>	January 6
John Hiatt	January 11 & 12
Arturo Sandoval	January 18
The Mavericks: Roddie Romero & the Hub City All-Stars	January 19 & 20
Johnny Lang	January 25
Lucinda Williams	January 29
The Hot Sardines	January 30
"And This Is No Damn Lie"	February 1
An Evening with the Julian Lage Trio	February 23
Tedeschi Trucks	February 27
Gregory Porter	February 28
Alicia Olatuja	March 3
globalFEST On the Road — THE NEW GOLDEN AGE OF LATIN MUSIC	March 1
'FEMME': A Celebration of Women in Acadiana Music	March 7 & 8
Dance Heginbotham	March 10
Lucky Diaz & The Family Jam Band	March 14
Cameron Carpenter	March 27
Dr. Lonnie Smith Trio	April 7
<i>Issue # 1</i> by Riley McCallum	April 12-14
Acting Up presents, Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i>	May 2 - 5
An Evening with Gillian Welch	August 18
Grizzly Bear	September 11
Wayne Toups and Royal Blugarou unplugs Zydecajun	September 20 & 21
Amos Lee: My New Moon Tour	September 24
Ulysses Owens Jr.'s "Three"	September 26
<i>Thirst</i> by Whitney Hebert	October 3-5
Turn It Up! The New Sound of New Orleans	October 15 & 16
Virginia Rep Theatre presents <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i>	October 18
Garly Clark Jr.	October 30
Edmar Castaneda	November 1
Cajun Face 2: The Tanties	November 2-3
Mavis Staples	November 9
Basin Dance Collective Presents Surface	November 28-30
The Robert Cray Band	December 6





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