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Call for Stories about the Impact of the Arts
NDCA seeking stories that speak to the value and impact of the arts on the lives of individuals and communities in our state

The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) is issuing a “call for stories” from North Dakotans about how the arts have had an impact on your personal or professional life, or in the life of your community or our state. We’re particularly interested in stories about how a publicly funded grant, from NDCA or the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), has made a difference in your life or work.

From individuals we’re looking for stories about how a grant has supported or encouraged your work at a critical time, or made something possible that has had a meaningful impact on the lives of others. From organizations we’re looking for stories that help others understand the value and impact of your work. This might be the student whose life was changed by their involvement with the arts, or the senior whose life has been enriched by their participation in the creative process. As an artist or organization you may have played a role in energizing your community or helping the local economy, or by making North Dakota a better place to live and work. As a participant, audience member, sponsor, or donor to the arts, you probably have reasons why the arts are an important part of your life. These are the stories we want to share.

We understand that the arts are important to North Dakota and hope you will provide us with the stories that bring this understanding to life. This is particularly important during a time when the arts are in danger of losing Federal support.

If you have a story, please share it with us in the following way:

- Send an email with your story to Amy Schmidt at comserv@nd.gov and use the subject NDCA Art Stories.
- While there’s no real restriction on the length of your story, please be aware that stories may be edited. Keep in mind brevity and focus are important!
- If you have an image or video you want to share, please attach the digital image to your email or provide a link to an online video in the body of your email.
- Be aware that your work may be used – with attribution – on NDCA’s website or Facebook page. We may also share your story with elected officials, who have requested stories that speak to the impact of the arts in North Dakota. By providing us with your story you give us permission to share it with others.

Thank you for participating in this effort. We look forward to sharing your story!
The North Dakota Council on the Arts is the state agency responsible for the support and development of the arts throughout North Dakota, and is funded by the state legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts.