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## Responsibilities

*The mission of the Washington State Arts Commission is to cultivate a thriving environment for creative expression and appreciation of the arts for the benefit of all.*

The Arts Commission was established in 1961 to support the conservation and development of the state's artistic resources (RCW 43.46). The visual arts program and state art collection were established in 1974 (RCW 43.46.090 and 43.46.095). Today, the Commission's key activities and services include:

- Providing grants, training and technical assistance that enhance the ability of arts organizations to improve artistic quality, organizational stability and outreach. In FY03, more than 40,000 cultural events were funded through agency programs, and 112,554 artists benefited from agency-supported projects and contracts.
- Increasing participation in the arts by traditionally underserved communities, through targeted initiatives and partnerships.
- Improving teaching and learning by supporting and promoting sustainable arts-based curricula and programs in K-12 public schools. In FY03, 3.1 million students and youth participated in agency-funded programs and grants (included in total participation numbers above).
- Administration of the state art collection to integrate and conserve visual art in public spaces. The Art in Public Places program facilitates the acquisition of artwork with funds generated by new state-funded construction of public schools, state agencies, colleges and universities.

## Organization & Budget

Agency staff of 16.6 FTE is organized into four teams that support the mission of the agency and report to the Executive Director appointed by the Governor. Staff works with a Commission of 23, including 19 citizens appointed by the Governor and 4 Legislators. The Commission meets quarterly. Agency Budget FY05: Total \$4,836,481; \$2,276,599 SGF; \$1,612,737 SCB; \$743,731 NEA; \$203,414 private<sup>1</sup>.

Grants to Organizations – Budget FY05: \$766,586 SGF<sup>2</sup>; \$516,400 NEA; \$144,236 private

Mary Frye, Grants Manager

Mayumi Tsutakawa, Arts Participation Initiative Manager

Barbara Jacobson, Project Support Program Manager

Education and Outreach – Budget FY05: \$776,200 SGF<sup>2</sup>; \$222,931 NEA; \$59,178 private

Linda Bellon Fisher, Arts in Education Program Manager

Willie Smyth, Folk Arts Program Manager

Bitsy Bidwell, Community Arts Development Program Manager

State Art Collection/Art in Public Places – Budget FY05: \$43,160 SGF<sup>2</sup>; \$1,612,737 SCB

Bev Watt, Project Manager

Alice Taylor, Project Manager

Lorin Doyle, Collections Manager

## Core Agency Team

Kris Tucker, Executive Director

Mark Gerth, Communications Manager

Mary Yadon, Administrative Manager

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<sup>1</sup> Primary funding sources: State General Fund (SGF); State Capital Budget (SCB); National Endowment for the Arts (NEA); private

<sup>2</sup> Includes program administration (approx. 11% of agency budget)

## **Most Pressing Issues or Challenges the Agency is Facing**

**The Challenge: To provide access to quality arts programming for all Washington residents, regardless of their place of residence, ethnicity, income level or disability.**

The Arts Commission provides financial support to Washington's nonprofit arts organizations through grants for specific projects and operations. This funding promotes the stability of non-profit arts organizations and enables them to broaden public benefit in communities across the state. State funds are one component of a multi-faceted public/private partnership that offsets the cost of presenting cultural activities, making them more accessible to residents and visitors. Targeted initiatives provide grants and leadership development to strengthen grassroots organizations in underserved communities. Reductions to Grants to Organization funding, necessitated by SGF budget cuts to the Arts Commission, have had a negative impact on arts organizations in Washington state. Staff contact: Kris Tucker, [krist@arts.wa.gov](mailto:krist@arts.wa.gov), (360) 586-2423

**The Challenge: To support and promote sustainable arts-based curricula and programs in K-12 public schools.**

Our Arts in Education grants build the capacity of schools and communities to provide quality arts instruction based on the State's arts standards. Exemplary model programs have been established in schools across the state, but many students still are without comprehensive, sequential arts instruction. We are continuing to document best practices to better understand what works – and direct state dollars and state policies for the greatest impact. We work in partnership with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, educators and private funders. Staff contact: Linda Bellon-Fisher, [lindab@arts.wa.gov](mailto:lindab@arts.wa.gov), (360) 586-2418

**The Challenge: To provide stewardship of the growing collection of artwork in the state art collection.**

Since 1974, Washington State has acquired more than 4500 artworks through the Art in Public Places Program of the Washington State Arts Commission. The program's authorizing legislation does not allow program funds (from the Capital budget) to be used for maintenance or conservation. As the collection has grown and aged, the conservation needs of the collection exceed budget capacity. The artworks are located in public spaces and their care and daily maintenance depend on the capacity of the housing agency, where stewardship skills are uneven; in many places, the state's investment is at risk. The Arts Commission is requesting in the 2005-2007 biennium additional staffing and funding to improve stewardship and maintenance activities. Staff contact: Bev Watt, [beverlyw@arts.wa.gov](mailto:beverlyw@arts.wa.gov), (360) 586-2422

**The Challenge: To document the impact of the arts with quantitative and qualitative data.**

The Washington State Arts Commission is working with the City of Seattle's Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs, 4Culture (Cultural Development Authority of King County) and the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF) to develop a "Creative Vitality Index" as a multi-year research project to measure the impact of the arts in Washington state. The study is the first of its kind in the nation and will establish an "indicator index" as a baseline for assessing cultural impacts. Information from the CVI will enable us to better understand and improve art, cultural and recreational opportunities throughout the state and will allow us to develop and pursue an agenda to enhance public policy that supports the arts. Staff contact: Mark Gerth, [markg@arts.wa.gov](mailto:markg@arts.wa.gov), (360) 586-8093

## Board Member Listing by Board Position

### ARTS COMMISSION (ES005)

Agency 387 - Washington State Arts Commission	Senate Conf. N	Positions: Maximum 021
Authority Governor	Public Disc. N	Minimum 000
Authoriztn. RCW 43.46.015	Term Length 036	Actual 021
Rem. Auth. GC	Meetings/Yr. 05	

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
001	Grinnell, Elaine 1324 Jamestown Road Sequim, WA 98382	A	NA	08/16/2004	07/28/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
002	Curtiss, Charlene 1520 32nd Avenue South Seattle, WA 98114	A	C	07/29/2004	07/28/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
003	Mandeberg, Jean 114 Sherman Street NW Olympia, WA 98502	A	C	03/19/2004	07/28/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
004	Bridges, Monte L. 400 SW 152nd Street Burien, WA 98166	A	C	03/24/2004	07/28/2007
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
005	Moore, Ben 155 Mercer Street Seattle, WA 98109	A	C	07/29/2004	07/28/2007
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
006	Piper, Bridget 111 North Wall Spokane, WA 99201	A	C	07/31/2002	07/28/2005
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

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007	Smith, Cami 9228-183rd Place SW Edmonds, WA 98020	A	C	10/31/2003	07/28/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		
<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
008	Barnett, Miriam 1019 Pacific Avenue Suite 1016 Tacoma, WA 98402	A	C	10/31/2003	07/28/2006
		Terms Served	02		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		
<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
009	Penney, Joan M. 127 A South 18th Street Mount Vernon, WA 98274	A	C	07/31/2002	07/28/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		
<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
010	Johnson, Leann R. PO Box 1995 Vancouver, WA 98668-1995	A	AA	08/16/2004	07/28/2005
		Terms Served	00		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		
<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
011	Sneed, Stephen D. 305 Harrison Street Seattle, WA 98144	A	AA	03/22/2004	07/28/2005
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		
<u>Pos. #</u>	<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Expires</u>
012	Nichols, Martha 262 Cedar Lane Newport, WA 99156	A	C	10/31/2003	07/28/2006
		Terms Served	01		
		Position	a member		
		Comments	General Public		

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Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
013	Bruce, Christopher D. Washington State University PO Box 647460 Pullman, WA 99164-7460	A		03/22/2004	07/28/2005

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
014	Lyttle, Lee 6418 Nels Street SW Olympia, WA 98512	A	AA	07/31/2002	07/28/2005

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
015	McKay, Bill 1811 Birch Richland, WA 99352	A	C	08/16/2004	07/28/2007

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
016	Leo-Gwin, Cheryll 15825 NE 49th Redmond, WA 98052	A	AP	07/29/2004	07/28/2007

Terms Served 02  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
017	Lipke, Linda 2810 Morton Avenue Anacortes, WA 98221	A	C	10/05/2001	07/28/2004

Terms Served 02  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
019	Merriman, William E. 1009 Rock Avenue Yakima, WA 98909	A	C	10/31/2003	07/28/2006

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments General Public

Pos. #	Name and Address	Status	Race	Appointed	Expires
020	Lazo, Silvia Maria 1312 South Maple Street Spokane, WA 99204-4145	A	H	08/16/2004	07/28/2006

Terms Served 01  
Position a member  
Comments General Public