



**Arts Facts . . . Economic Impact of the Arts**  
When community leaders fund the arts, they not only enhance our quality of life, but also invest in our economic well-being.

## **Economic Impact of the Nonprofit Arts Industry**

**Total Economic Activity** **\$134 Billion**

Total Spending by Nonprofit Arts Organizations \$53.2 Billion

Total Spending by Nonprofit Arts Audiences \$80.8 Billion

**Total Full-Time Equivalent Jobs Supported** **4.85 Million**

**Total Tax Revenue Generated** **\$24.4 Billion**

Federal Income Tax Revenue \$10.5 Billion

State Government Revenue \$7.3 Billion

Local Government Revenue \$6.6 Billion

**Total Household Income Generated** **\$89.4 Billion**

- Arts organizations are responsible businesses, employers, and consumers. Spending by nonprofit arts organizations—only a fraction of the total arts and entertainment industry—was an estimated \$53.2 billion in fiscal 2000, and leveraged an additional \$80.8 billion in event related spending by arts audiences. This \$134 billion in total economic activity supports 4.85 million FTE jobs and generates \$24.4 billion in government revenue annually.
- From major metropolitan areas to small rural towns, this research shows that the nonprofit arts are an economically sound investment. They attract audiences, spur business development, support jobs, and generate government revenue. Locally as well as nationally, the arts mean business.
- Americans for the Arts will release the results of its updated *Arts & Economic Prosperity III* study in May 2007.

Source: *Arts & Economic Prosperity*. Americans for the Arts. 2002.