The Arts Create Jobs, And Not Just for Artists

photos left to right: Kingston Chamber Music Festival; Trinity Repertory Company (*by Mark Turek*).; The Steel Yard (*by Force 4 Photography*).

The arts are an important part of the Rhode Island economy.

Over 12,000 people work in our state's arts sector, and according to Americans for the Arts, Rhode Island is third in the nation in the number of arts related businesses per capita, exceeded only by California and New York.

That's important news for the Rhode Island economy, because when the arts are thriving, Rhode Island businesses thrive as well. The arts help keep our restaurants and parking garages full, and our retail stores busy. Local businesses employ thousands of Rhode Islanders whose livelihood depends, in large measure, on the arts.

Here's where we come in.

Rhode Island's investment in the arts is small (just 6/100ths of 1% of our state budget), but RISCA-funded programs and services reach millions of Rhode Islanders and visitors each year, pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into the Rhode Island economy.

Let's ensure that Rhode Island continues to benefit from the arts.

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