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Raleigh, NC - Arts North Carolina is North Carolina's statewide advocacy organization calling for equity and access for the arts for all North Carolinians. Advancing public funding and policy for the arts and arts education is the core of the organization's mission. Arts NC believes every community should have access to public resources and opportunity to build healthy communities through the arts. To advance that mission, Arts North Carolina hosts an annual conference, ARTS Day, which gives individual North Carolinians the tools to advocate for the arts in their community and to share success stories with other citizens about the power of the arts. For over a decade, Arts North Carolina has hosted ARTS Day, the annual two-day conference of art and action. ARTS Day draws hundreds of North Carolinians to their state capital to learn, network, celebrate and speak with one voice on behalf of the arts to their state legislators.

On day one of ARTS Day, arts lovers of all kinds convene in Raleigh to hear inspiring speakers, learn about the newest developments in state wide arts funding and network with fellow North Carolina arts advocates. Less experienced advocates have an opportunity to learn how easy and exciting it is to speak up for the arts through an introductory advocacy workshop facilitated by Arts NC Executive Director, Nate McGaha.

On day two, advocates have an opportunity to tell legislators how the arts impact their community through meetings in groups and as individuals. Inspired and energized with actionable messages from conference day, attendees have the opportunity to speak with one voice to their representatives for the benefit of their communities.

#### **VALUABLE RESOURCE AT THE NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

In May of 2018, Rep. Becky Carney (D-Mecklenburg), and longtime champion of the arts and arts education, announced the creation of the Joint Caucus for the Arts and Arts Education, which provides opportunities for the legislators to learn more about the impact the arts make in North Carolina, both economically and as a cultural resource. It is currently co-chaired in the NC House by Rep. Becky Carney and Rep. Kyle Hall (R-Forsyth, Stokes). In the Senate, the caucus co-chairs are Senator Vickie Sawyer (R-Iredell, Mecklenburg ) and Senator Mike Woodard (D-Durham).

The Joint Caucus for the Arts and Arts Education is an effective tool to educate NC General Assembly Members and to advance public funding and policy for the arts. Learn more about this resource at <https://artsnc.org/advocacy/arts-caucus/>

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## ABOUT ARTS NORTH CAROLINA

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[artsnc.org](https://artsnc.org)

## ARTS DAY 2024

North Carolina's Annual Conference of Art & Action

Organized by Arts North Carolina

**Day 1, Conference Day** (May 21, 11:00am- 5:00pm) takes place at McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC.

**Day 2, Legislative Day** (May 22, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

**More information about additional speakers and performers to come.** [artsnc.org/arts-day](https://artsnc.org/arts-day)

QR Codes of interest:

The Creative State:



ARTS Day 2023 Highlight Video:



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