



ARTS & CULTURE



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DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & CULTURE FY2023 ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the Department of Arts & Culture, we invest in San Antonio's arts, creative, and cultural communities because we know they make our city great, help our city thrive, make residents proud, and have the power to change lives. We firmly believe in the power and value of arts and culture in building healthy and inclusive opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Over the past year, we have worked closely with representatives from our city's diverse communities to identify priorities for supporting arts and culture organizations.

We are committed to providing access to arts and culture to everyone. It is essential for residents in every Council District to have equal opportunity to participate and contribute to this vital component of our civic fabric. That's why our team has been intensifying efforts through the City of San Antonio's SASpeakUp program, aiming to engage the community at every stage of public art projects, and gather input for our grant programs. Additionally, we have been offering programming that supports professional development for San Antonio's arts community, including workshops, forums, open calls, and more!

As we continue to move forward in Fiscal Year 2024, we are already experiencing significant momentum. The City of San Antonio's City Council approved substantial dedicated funds for maintenance on our existing public artworks for the first time ever. The State of Texas' film incentive program has been raised to an all-time high of \$200 million, and when combined with our local incentive, this makes San Antonio an extremely competitive player in the film industry. We have numerous public art installations in progress all over the city, and our two free art galleries have some amazing exhibits lined up.

Our team is ready to continue its dedicated work in the months ahead, ensuring San Antonio's arts and culture scene continues to flourish. We look forward to collaborating with you all to make our city even more vibrant and inspiring.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,
Krystal Jones
Executive Director

FILM, TELEVISION & MUSIC

- 18 SONGS SUBMITTED TO THE LOCAL MUSIC SPOTLIGHT PROGRAM.
- 242 FILM PERMITS ISSUED FOR FILMING ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY WITH 340 DAYS OF FILMING IN SAN ANTONIO.
- 4 FILM FESTIVALS FUNDED.
- 4 WINNERS OF THE #FILMSA YOUTH CONTEST.
- 5 YEARS RUNNING ON MOVIEMAKER'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK LIST.

GRANTS MANAGEMENT

- 36 BASE OPERATIONAL GRANTS WITH \$4M IN FUNDING AND AN ADDITIONAL \$2M IN CULTURALLY SPECIFIC FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS WITH MISSIONS PRESERVE, PROMOTE AND ENHANCE SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES.
- 23 EVENTS GRANTS, 48 INDIVIDUAL ARTIST GRANTS AND 18 PERFORMING ARTS PRODUCTION GRANTS.
- 2M+ ATTENDEES TO PARTNER AGENCY EVENTS.
- 8 COMMUNITY INPUT OPPORTUNITIES ON GRANT GUIDELINES.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

- 1K+ ARTISTS LISTED ON SAN ANTONIO ARTIST REGISTRY.
- 170+ POSITIVE NEWS STORIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS.
- X (TWITTER): 8K FOLLOWERS, FACEBOOK: 19.4K FOLLOWERS, INSTAGRAM: 7.8K FOLLOWERS, YOUTUBE: 13K VIEWS.
- 5 ARTIST FORUMS HOSTED.

2023 Fiesta Medal
"The Spirit Within" Mural
at Historic Market Square
Artists: Ashleigh Garza,
Hailey Marmolejo,
San Anto Cultural Arts

PUBLIC ART

- 7 NEW PUBLIC ART PROJECTS BY 23 ARTISTS AND 2 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS.
- 30 TOTAL NEW INDIVIDUAL PIECES OF ARTWORK.
- 11 PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE PROJECTS COMPLETED.
- 730+ COMMUNITY SURVEYS COMPLETED.

LEADERSHIP

Lori Houston – Assistant City Manager
Krystal Jones – Executive Director
Diana Hidalgo – Assistant Director
Erin De La Rosa – Department Fiscal Administrator
Jennifer Chowning – Arts & Culture Administrator
Kimberly Mirelez – Public Art Program Manager
Stacey Norton – Marketing, Film & Music Administrator

SAN ANTONIO ARTS COMMISSION

Rene Barilleaux – Mayoral Appointee, Chair
Linda Hardberger – Mayoral Appointee
Eileen Kret – Mayoral Appointee
Jessica Sanchez – Mayoral Appointee
Suhail Arastu – Mayoral Appointee, Performing Arts, Film & Music Committee Chair
Arthur Campsey – District 1 Appointee
Maria Williams – District 2 Appointee
Yadhira Lozano – District 3 Appointee, Centro de Artes Committee Chair
Susana Segura – District 4 Appointee, Arts Funding Committee Chair
Andy Benavides – District 5 Appointee
Emily Fleisher – District 6 Appointee
Dr. Ellen Riojas Clark – District 7 Appointee
Henry Brun – District 8 Appointee
Freda Facey – District 9 Appointee, Public Art Committee Chair
Dr. Mark Rogers – District 10 Appointee



Soy de Tejas Opening Reception
at Centro de Artes Gallery
Curated by: Rigoberto Luna

CULTURAL EVENTS & EXHIBITS

CENTRO DE ARTES & CULTURE COMMONS GALLERIES

- 3 EXHIBITIONS DISPLAYED ARTWORKS BY 78 ARTISTS.
- 23K+ INDIVIDUAL U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

FIESTAS PATRIAS/HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

- 30+ EVENTS (CONCERTS, FILM SCREENINGS, EXHIBITS, DANCE PERFORMANCES, THEATRICAL PLAYS, POETRY READINGS, LECTURES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND MORE).

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

- 50+ POETRY READINGS, PERFORMANCES, WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS SUPPORTED.
- 20+ LOCAL POETRY BOOKS, ANTHOLOGIES AND RELATED BOOKS PROMOTED.

"Bloom" Sculpture
at Blossom Park
Artist: Leticia Huerta

