



# Arts Midwest Touring Fund

Encouraging performing arts touring by providing financial support to arts presenting organizations in the Midwest

## Program Overview

### What We Do

Arts Midwest Touring Fund supports organizations in the Midwest region, including Illinois, who contract with artists who reside outside the state of Illinois to engage people in meaningful experiences with the fine arts of dance, music, theater, and other performing arts forms.

### Engagement Requirements

Engagements must occur between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020.

1. **Present a professional performing artist of artistic excellence and merit in the fine arts of dance, music, theater or musical theater, or other performing arts forms** and generally does not support “commercial” acts.
2. **Program a public performance** that is open and promoted to the general public.
3. **Include community activity** that fosters exchange between artists and communities, and enriches the audience’s experience.
4. **Reach an audience with limited access to the arts** due to one or more of the following factors.
  - Historically underrepresented cultural groups
  - Youths (18 or younger)
  - Older adults (65 or older)
  - Veterans and active service members
  - Disability
  - Adults or youths in the justice system
  - Economically disadvantaged
  - Geographic location

### Additional Considerations

These may be taken into consideration if there is a high demand of applicants and limited funds for the state.

- Present a performing artist from the Midwest.
- Deepen participation with a community residency, includes five or more community activities, plus the public performance and occurs within two or more days.

### Grant awards

- Awards are dependent upon available funds and demand and will generally be **up to 20% of the artist’s contract fee**.
- A residency may be eligible for up to 25% of the artist’s fee.
- The maximum is generally \$4,000 with a minimum award of \$500.

## Application deadline: April 24, 2019

An organization may apply for only one artist.

### Additional Funds for Indigenous Artists

This year, we are glad to partner with Western Arts Alliance (WAA) on their Advancing Indigenous Performance Program. To qualify the artist/ensemble must identify as an Indigenous performing artist according to WAA’s definition: A member or descendant of a Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian nation or community, including Native/First Peoples of Canada, Mexico, and U.S. Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. An application that engages an Indigenous artist **may be eligible for a matching grant from WAA** dependent upon available funds and final determination by WAA.

### Partnerships and Support

Arts Midwest Touring Fund is funded by the National Endowment for the Arts with additional contributions from the Midwest nine-member state arts agencies and the Crane Group.



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