



Chicago Region Arts Scan

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How many non-profit arts organization are there in this region?

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Those who live in the Chicago region know that it is a global center for the arts and home to many of the world's finest artists. But like so many things that are "known," there has been no good way to answer a question as simple as: How many non-profit arts organizations are there in this region? The Arts Scan seeks to replace anecdote with information.

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The foundation's staff sought but did not find comprehensive current data on the non-profit arts sector in the Chicago region. To be more effective in our own grantmaking, and in the belief that others would find the information useful, we decided to conduct the Arts Scan, a project designed to build a fact-based picture of the non-profit arts community in the greater Chicago region.

We did not anticipate the extent of what we would find and what that data suggests about the vitality, growth, and future of the region's arts community. We believe it to be the most comprehensive snapshot of the non-profit arts community in the greater Chicago region ever assembled, and hope that those who share our interest in the vitality of this important sector find it useful.

Listen to Judith Stockdale, Executive Director of the Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation, and Nick Rabkin, Executive Director of the Chicago Center for Arts Policy at Columbia College Chicago talk about the Chicago Region Arts Scan on WBEZ 91.5 FM's show "Eight Forty-Eight" on Tuesday, February 6th, 2007.

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View Paul Botts, Director of Chicago Programs, speaking about the Chicago Region Arts Scan in this video produced by BusinessPOV: <http://www.businesspov.com/article/173> ■



Public art is just one aspect of the Chicagoland area's vast arts sector. Photo: Chicago Public Art Group