

## WHY DO WE SUPPORT THE ARTS?

*"Through all the world there goes one  
long cry from the heart of the artist:  
give me leave to do my utmost."*

—Isak Dinesen



## IT DOES GOOD

The value of art goes well beyond its beauty and emotional resonance.

Research shows that art fuels economic growth, improves educational outcomes, and increases social connectedness and civic engagement.

An investment in art supports a healthy economy and a balanced community.



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## IT FEELS GOOD

Art has a personal and positive effect on all of us. It touches our emotions, sparks our imaginations, and uncovers our possibilities.

Art inspires, challenges, astonishes, delights, teaches, transforms and enlightens.



*"Art is not a mirror held up to reality, but  
a hammer with which to shape it."*

—Berthold Brecht



## IT'S TIME NOW

Art funding in California is in deep decline. We rank 50th in the nation in arts funding. In 2000 the state budget for art was \$32 million. In 2005 it was \$2 million. We spend just 6 cents per person per year for the arts in our state, compared to more than a dollar per capita nationwide!

