

The State's cultural institutions include more than 150 privately incorporated arts organizations and 45 university, college and governmental presenters of annual arts events.

Maryland is home to important museums, including the Walters Art Gallery, the Baltimore Museum of Art, and the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art in Salisbury. These and 30 other art museums and galleries attracted more than three million visitors in 1992. The State has 12 regional interdisciplinary arts institutions, including Easton's Academy of the Arts, the Strathmore Hall Arts Center in Rockville, Frostburg State University's new Performing Arts Center, and Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis. Historically a center for the performing arts, Baltimore is the site for the Baltimore Symphony, Center Stage, the Arena Players and the Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts.

More than 2,000 actors, creative writers, dancers, musicians, singers, and visual artists live in Maryland. Annual scholarship and award programs and in-school artist residencies nurture student interest in the arts, as do more than 30 schools and academies devoted to training young artists, including Baltimore's School for the Arts, the Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University, and the Bethesda Academy of Performing Arts. Aggregate State, county and municipal funding for the arts totaled more than \$21 million in 1992.