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Public Art as a Form of Tourism

Arts Council of York County & Arts Center at Fountain Park with Melanie Cooper & Todd Leahy

Powerpoint and images provided by the Arts Council of York County



Arts & Economic Prosperity 6

2022 Nationwide economic and social impact study of the nation's nonprofit arts and culture industry conducted by the Americans for the Arts in partnership locally with the Arts Council of York County.

665 | Total Arts Jobs in York County
612,317 | Total In-Person Attendance
\$40,337,437 | Total Industry Expenditures
\$37.86 | Average Expenditures Per Person in York County
82.6% | Arts Venues Viewed as Pillars of the Community
87.4% | Sense of Loss if Not Available







South Carolina Arts Commission

Economic Impact Report of the Arts Industry in South Carolina

\$14.1 billion impact on the state's economy 123,550 jobs paying \$5.7 billion \$360.2 million annual tax revenue



Public Art Partners

City of Rock Hill
Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation
Arts Council of York County
The Arts Center at Fountain Park
Women's Art Initiative
Winthrop University
Private Businesses

City of Rock Hill & Rock Hill Economic Development Corp.

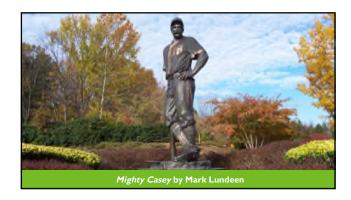
The purpose of Rock Hill's Art Sustainability framework is to create a more cohesive public art initiative that celebrates the unique history and cultural traditions of Rock Hill, and connects various public art projects by involving both private and public organizations. Promoting public arts in an intentional way will positively impact the Quality of Life in Rock Hill.







Civitas by Audrey Flac









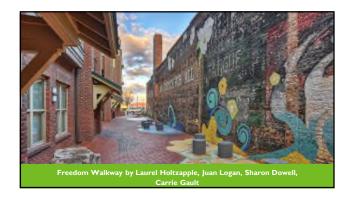
















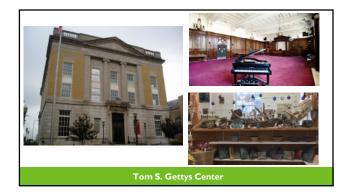
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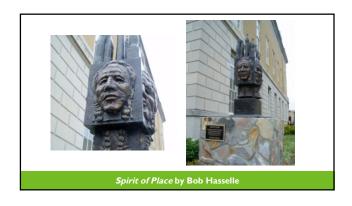
The Arts Council works to create arts programming that encourages education, economic development, and arts advocacy through unique art experiences that engage the community to make York County a regional arts destination.











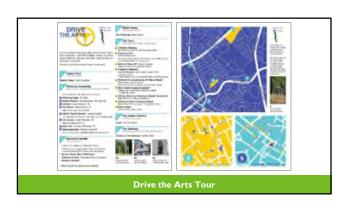




Women's Art Initiative WAI is a local group of women aspiring to enhance the quality of life through public art.

















Downtown Rock Hill Cultural District | 2017

- 30 | Arts-Based Businesses
 41 | Public Artworks (murals, sculptures, temporary artwork, & land
- art)

 50 | Public Art Experiences (festivals, concerts, poetry readings, film screenings, plein air painting sessions, art walks, & open studios)

 165,900 | Visitors to the Cultural District

Downtown Rock Hill Cultural District | 2023

- 28 | Arts-Based Businesses
 2,369 | People Employed within the Cultural District
 62 | Artists 776 | Volunteers
 77 | Public Artworks (murals, sculptures, temporary artwork, & land
- art)
 515 | Public Art Experiences (festivals, concerts, poetry readings, film screenings, plein air painting sessions, art walks, & open studios)
 358,645 | Visitors to the Cultural District





The Arts Center at **Fountain Park**

- \$40 million | Public/private capital campaign
 521 | Anticipated Capacity
 70,000 | Estimated Attendance
 \$3 million | Average annual ticket sales from residents of York,
 Chester, and Lancaster County residents for Blumenthal shows (20212023)
 75,000 | K-College Students in York, Chester, and Lancaster Counties







Thank You

City of Rock Hill Mural Mile | onlyinoldtown.com/muralmile
Arts Council of York County | yorkcountyarts.org
The Arts Center at Fountain Park | theartscenterfp.org
Women's Art Initiative | womensartinitiative.org
Downtown Rock Hill Cultural District | yorkcountyarts.org/rhcd
Winthrop University Public Art | winthrop.edu/virtualtour/arttour.aspx