Art Commission Is State's Unique Body

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The Louisiana Art Commission is an organization unique to the state. It is a small department which has exerted a great impact on the arts in the state in the last quarter of a century and which now seems to be moving forward, hopefully, into the next century.

The Art Commission was created in 1907 as a result of a movement by artists to promote interest in art as a profession. It was the first known art body to be established in the country by artists, in order to carry on the work of the Artists' League of New Orleans, whose membership consists of artists and art students.

The Art Commission today is still in existence and has grown in stature, with a membership of over 100 artists and art students. It is the only organization in the state that is devoted exclusively to promoting the arts.

The Art Commission has accomplished much in the past 50 years. It has organized traveling exhibitions of art, which have visited all parts of the state. It has also published several art books, including the annual Louisiana Art Exhibit, which has been in publication for more than 25 years.

The Art Commission is now planning a new project, the Louisiana Art Commission Archives, which will be housed at the Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. The archives will contain a wealth of information about the arts in Louisiana, including photographs, paintings, and other art materials.

The Art Commission is also sponsoring a new program, the Louisiana Art Commission Fellowship, which will provide financial assistance to artists who wish to study or work in Louisiana. The fellowship will be open to all artists, regardless of their age or experience.

The Art Commission is a unique body in the state, and it is to be hoped that it will continue to grow and thrive in the future. It is the only organization in the state that is devoted to the promotion of the arts, and it is the only one that can provide the type of support that artists need to succeed.