Man's Creativity
Is All That
Survives Great
Civilizations
The poetry of Homer, the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci and sculpture of Michaelangelo, Shakespeare's plays and the music of Beethoven and Bach are living reminders to us of the artistry and craftsmanship of the past. In reflecting other times and cultures, with a universal spirit which still has meaning for us today, they have become classics and helped to create a rich tradition on which posterity could build. Throughout history, great cultures have produced artists who have integrated contemporary concerns into meaningful expressions in art which come to represent not merely personal statements but symbols of enduring civilizations.

Great civilizations are built by people conscious of their heritage yet open to visions of a better world. Ultimately great civilizations are the ones which nurture the creative spirit, allowing time for reflection and vision and providing resources and energy to realize innovative ideas.

Artists today are creating works of lasting beauty which interpret our own history and modern way of life. Their work, like that of artists who have come before them will last for generations and become symbols of our time. In Acadiana talented artists in every field can make a tremendous contribution to the rich culture and traditions which have given Southwest Louisiana its distinctive charm. Our visions today will become tomorrow’s reality and the artist plays an important role in recording and stimulating this process.

Michaelangelo did not finish the Sistine Chapel in a day nor did he do it as a moonlight occupation. Great art is produced by great artists who need the support of the civilization whose history and vision they bring to life.

SUPPORT THE ARTS:

A CHALLENGE TO A GREAT CIVILIZATION

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WHO WE ARE
The Acadiana Arts Council was established in 1975 to increase public awareness of the many fine cultural activities of our area, identify areas of need and initiate programming to fill that need. Working with visual and performing arts groups and businesses throughout Acadiana we are expanding arts opportunities and ensuring variety and quality of arts programming for everyone.

WHAT WE DO
As a service organization the Arts Council maintains an office as an information center with a professional director to provide administrative, planning and publicity assistance to arts, education and service groups. The Arts Council also provides programs for elderly and youth involvement in the arts.

BUDGET

Expenditures
Administrative $18,600
Operational 9,700
Programs 35,000

Income
COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE $10,000
City of Lafayette 15,000
Juvenile 10,000
35,000

SERVICES TO COMMUNITY
Quarterly Cultural Events Calendar
Information Center and Clearing House for Scheduling of Cultural Functions
Visual and Performing Artist Resource File
Computerized Mailing List
Publicity and Advertising Assistance for Arts Events
Ticket Sales Outlet
Assistance in Procuring Public and Private Foundation Support for Programs
Program Consultation and Coordination
Development of Educational and Outreach Projects

PROGRAMS
Arts Enrichment - a series of performances, lectures and demonstrations in various art forms designed as educational programs for children.
Community Arts in Action - a series of in-house performances at local nursing homes and hospitals.
Downtown Festival - an open air street celebration for the visual and performing arts planned for the fall or spring.