



Georgia Arts and Culture Venues Coalition

The Georgia Arts and Culture Venues Coalition is an assemblage of arts and culture facilities and organizations from across Georgia who have come together to help protect the cultural treasures and civil assets of our communities.

The Issue

Casinos use live entertainment simply as a **loss leader**

to draw people to the gaming floor and generate gaming receipts

This impacts a local venue's ability to

book talent

and drives up the price **consumers pay**

Casinos restrict local venues' access to talent and entertainment by imposing crippling clauses



Exclusivity Clause

talent can only perform at facilities owned by the casino



Radius Clause

talent cannot perform within a certain distance of the casino



Duration Clause

talent cannot return to the market for a specified period

For venues, talent and entertainment is critical because it drives

ancillary income

Without casinos, Georgia venues operate within the

same free market

and compete for talent and customers on a level playing field

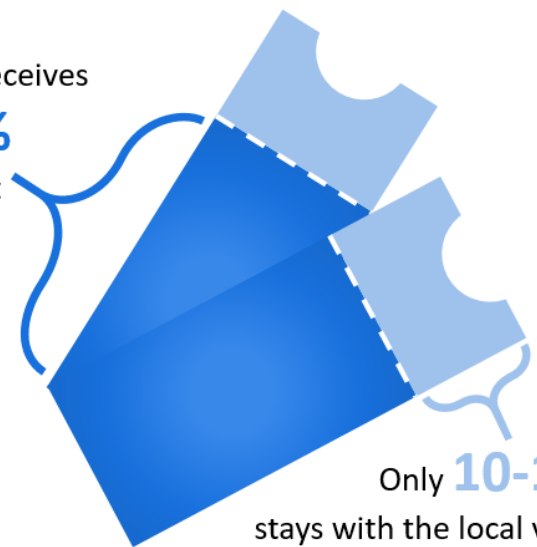
Casino-owned entertainment facilities will upend this system

What about ticket sales?

The artist receives

85-90%

of net ticket sales



Only **10-15%** stays with the local venues

The Solution

The only provision that is sure to protect and preserve our valued community assets is to

prohibit casinos from owning or operating entertainment facilities



Georgia Arts and Culture Venues Coalition Members

- Americus**
Rylander Theatre
- Athens**
Classic Center
Morton Theatre Corporation
- Atlanta**
7 Stages
Atlanta Botanical Gardens
Cobb Energy Centre
Fox Theatre
Fulton County Arts Council
Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund
South Arts
Variety Playhouse
Woodruff Arts Center
- Augusta**
Augusta Amusements
Augusta Entertainment Complex
Greater Augusta Arts Council
Imperial Theatre
Miller Theater / Augusta Symphony
- Brunswick**
Ritz Theatre
- Buford**
Buford Community Center
Eagle Theatre
- Carrollton**
Carrollton Center for the Arts
- Columbus**
Columbus Civic Center
Columbus CVB
RiverCenter
- Conyers**
Conyers Rockdale Council for the Arts
- Dahlonega**
Holly Theatre Community Center

- Dublin**
Theatre Dublin
- Duluth**
Infinite Energy Center
- Eatonton**
The Plaza Arts Center
- Ellijay**
Gilmer Arts
- Gainesville**
The Arts Council Pearce Auditorium
Gainesville Garden
- Hawkinsville**
Hawkinsville Opera House
- Lithia Springs**
Arts Georgia
- Mableton**
Mable House Barnes Amphitheatre
- Macon**
Historic Douglass Theatre
- Marietta**
Earl and Rachel Smith Strand Theatre
- Milledgeville**
Allied Arts
- Newnan**
The Newnan Centre
- Peachtree City**
The Fred
- Rome**
Historic Desoto Theatre
- Springfield**
Mars Theatre
- Statesboro**
Averitt Center for the Arts
Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University



- Thomasville**
Thomasville Entertainment Foundation
- Toccoa**
Schaefer Center
The Historic Ritz Theatre
- Vidalia**
PAL Theater
- Waleska**
Falany Performing Arts Center
- Waynesboro**
Waynesboro-Burke Concert Series
- Winterville**
Winterville Auditorium
- Georgia Presenters Member**
Townsend Center for the Performing Arts, Carrollton

These venues provide immeasurable benefits to their communities



Civic assets that support **tourism and economic development**



Downtown anchors, whose patrons keep local restaurants and businesses thriving



Investment in **taxpayer-owned and operated venues**



Highly revered sources of **community pride**



Venues that offer **classical music and opera**



Educational and cultural programming for **children and seniors**



Nonprofit institutions with historical significance