

Sample Curtain Speech

This performance is funded in part through a grant from the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency that supports many arts organizations and quality arts programming throughout the state. We'd like to take a minute to thank the Missouri Arts Council for their support. [applause]

The arts contribute to the productivity, innovation and quality of life in Missouri. In FY24, the Missouri Cultural Trust Fund was appropriated \$10 million. The Missouri Arts Council used those funds to support 476 grantees who engaged 4.2 million individuals in 1,960 project locations, using over 54,000 artists.

Your Advocacy makes a difference! We need to engage our legislators and elected officials to inform them of the value of the arts and request they make funding for the Missouri Arts Council a priority. A quick letter, phone call or email to your State Representative or Senator can make a huge difference. Tell them your experience tonight and that you'd like to see continued funding for organizations like [YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME].

We must join together to make sure [YOUR ORGANIZATION NAME] and Missouri's arts and cultural institutions continue to be a vibrant part of our communities and our children's' futures.

Thank you and enjoy the show!