

# Arts and Wyoming Communities

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The Arts enrich and define the identity of communities. The arts contribute positive appearances to communities, provide exciting public events and attractions, and engage residents to work collectively, fostering community pride and promoting civic participation.

Wyoming has significant natural attractions which the arts piggyback (Yellowstone Park-Yellowstone Beer Festival, the Tetons-Grand Teton Music Festival). The arts provide opportunity to create destination attractions and events (UW Art Museum, the NIC, Oystergrass Festival, Wyoming Symphony, NoWoodstock Music Festival, etc.). Particularly in rural areas, the arts provide a valuable economic development resource to enhance and define small communities.

The Arts contribute to Community by:

- promoting interaction in public spaces through public art
- increasing civic participation through celebrations and events-music and art festivals, artwalks
- engaging youth in community promoting their involvement in planning
- promoting the power and preservation of place-historic building renovations
- broaden participation in the civic agenda

*Source: Project for Public Spaces*

