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By the Numbers: An Index of Missouri Arts

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Canoes on display around the community of Steelville as part of The Great Canoe Float public art project.

The [Steelville Arts Council](#) launched the program in the fall of 2011 as a public art project and fundraiser to promote the “floating capital of Missouri.”

1,360

Individual pointe shoes used by 13 female dancers annually at the [Kansas City Ballet](#).

This 25-member professional ballet company was founded in 1957. The company relocated to the new Todd Bolender Center for Dance and Creativity in August 2011.

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Bags of popcorn sold at [Ragtag Cinema](#) in one year.

Instead of selling popcorn, local bakery [Uprise](#) offers lots of delicious treats that can be enjoyed during the show. Ninety percent of the bakery’s ingredients are from local producers.

505

Puppets in the [Rumpelstiltskin Society's PuppetFest](#) 2011.

Puppeteers bring their own puppets, attendees create puppets, and many more puppets are on display as part of a puppet exhibit. Approximately 200 people attended last year's festival.

2,021

Pounds of **clay** used by the [Kansas City Clay Guild](#) in one month.

The Guild was founded in 1988 by a group of local clay artists. Open studio time is offered seven days a week.

3,516

Miles traveled by touring performing artist, [Ronald Radford](#), annually.

Mr. Radford is a world-renowned flamenco guitarist and is listed on the Missouri Arts Council's Touring Directory.

3,899

Pages published in the last five years as a part of the [Pleiades](#), a literary journal from the University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg.

This biannual literary journal features poetry, fiction, essays and reviews by authors from around the world.

1,016

Stairs climbed daily by the preparatory staff at the [Museum of Art and Archaeology](#) at the University of Missouri while putting up an exhibition.

The museum was established in 1957 as the Study Collections for Art History and Archaeology. The first gallery opened in 1961.

2,880

Minutes to create a film for the [SATO 48 Film Festival](#).

Teams gather from Springfield and the Ozarks (SATO) to compete in creating a five-minute short film over the course of a single weekend.

274.74

Square feet of Monet's triptych, *Water Lilies*.

The paintings were displayed at the [Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art](#) in Kansas City and the [Saint Louis Art Museum](#) in the last year. It was the first time in a generation that all three pieces of the triptych were shown together. The Cleveland Museum of Art, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Saint Louis Art Museum each own a section of the triptych.

1,411

The number of **books** checked out as a part of the **Big Read** at the [Kansas City Public Library](#) and the [Springfield-Greene County Library](#) in 2011.

Kansas City read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain in partnership with the Kansas City Ballet. The Ballet commissioned a new work based on the book in celebration of the opening of the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. The Springfield-Greene County Library, using the theme *Voices of Conflict: The American Civil War*, selected several books for every age level.

1,006

Fireworks exploded as a part of the [Springfield Regional Arts Council's](#) First Night Springfield New Year's Eve celebration.

Nine venues host a variety of events including performances, art activities and ice skating.

369

Length in feet of the strings of all the string instruments in the [St. Louis Symphony](#) lying end to end. That would wrap around the Missouri Capitol rotunda five and a half times!

The St. Louis Symphony was founded in 1880 with Joseph Otten serving as the first music director. David Robertson has served as music director since 2003.

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Height in feet of the tallest building [Quixotic Fusion](#) dancers have performed on. The dancers performed on the tower of the Grandel Theater in St. Louis in September 2011 at the fifth annual Dancing in the Street festival.

Quixotic is an ensemble of artists from various disciplines including aerial acrobatics, dance, fashion, film, music and visual effects.

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