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We put the power of the arts in service to our veterans and active military in Art Ease: A Regional Convening on Arts and the Military in Kansas City. Speakers and performers from six states shared their stories and successes, and taught how to support service members and veterans with the arts.

We participated in the Department of Economic Development’s ongoing Best in Midwest initiative to transform the department into the top economic development agency in the Midwest. We are focusing on helping the arts create jobs and support workers’ ability to innovate and create.

We developed a cultural equity initiative that addresses barriers to inclusion, diversity, equity, and access to the arts in Missouri. This will result in a policy statement to guide our hiring, guidelines, and programs.

ON THE COVER

EXCEPTIONAL FESTIVALS

Every November, Downtown New Haven Inc. sets the city’s Missouri River shore ablaze with Firefest—music, art booths, artist demos, and live flames from fire dancing to cannon blasts.
River Styx nourishes the literary arts in St. Louis and beyond through its twice-yearly magazine of poetry, art, and prose, plus reading series, youth programs, and community writing workshops.

Streetcar riders in Kansas City never know when they’ll encounter local musicians during Art in the Loop’s May-September program of performances and visual arts throughout downtown.

People in north Missouri enjoy a bounty of professional performances—musicals, dramas, comedies, cabaret concerts, children’s shows, and more—thanks to Maples Repertory Theatre in Macon.

Art-making workshops, art exhibits, musicals, dance, orchestral performances, and more—the Willow Springs Arts Council engages people across southwest Missouri in the arts.