

# ARTS NOW

KEY FACTS FOR THE SUMMIT COUNTY COMMUNITY

## ARTS & OUR FUTURE

ENGAGING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



### THE IMPACT OF ART

According to data published by Americans for the Arts, "After-school arts programs save cities money. **For every \$1 spent on after-school programs, \$9 is saved** by reducing welfare and crime costs, improving academic performance, and increasing kids' earning potential."

The arts also helped young people succeed. According to the Arts Education Navigator, "students who take four years of arts and music classes average almost **100 points better on their SAT scores** than students with only a half-year or less."

*"Low-income students who are highly engaged in the arts are more than twice as likely to graduate college than their peers with no arts education."*

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**AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS**



## EXAMPLES FROM SUMMIT COUNTY

### AKRON ZOO

Akron Zoo offers STEM programs and problem-based learning experiences and has been able to engage students from varied backgrounds and communities reaching 104 school districts in Ohio.

### AKRON ART MUSEUM

In 2014, Akron Art Museum launched the Live Creative Programs, which provides interactive programs from newborns to pre-school aged children and caregivers. In 2019, the museum hosted all 4th graders in Akron Public Schools through its Essential Experiences program.

### TUESDAY MUSICAL

Nearly all of the internationally-acclaimed guest artists perform and inspire during multi-day visits to K-12 schools, universities, libraries, retirement communities, workplace venues and more. Plus, the student ticket voucher program provides free tickets to all students of any age to all of our concerts and programs and provides bus funding to school districts and organizations.

### SUMMIT METRO PARKS

Summit Metro Parks offers a number of educational programs to children including the autism-friendly Touch-A-Truck, an hour of no horns, sirens or other loud sounds to accommodate individuals with sensory disorders and their families at this annual event. They also offer the Pathways to Parks Summer Camps, a dedicated summer camp experiences in three regions of the county exclusively for City of Akron Recreation camps.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**5,000**

Patrons under 18 years old were served by *Tuesday Musical*

**10,000**

Youth who participate in the school tour programs at the *Akron Art Museum*

**300+**

Students served through *Black Card Project's* opening weekend

**25,332**

Number of people under the age of 18 served (with 25 youth programs annually)

