




ARTS FOR HARRIS WALZ

WE ARE a coalition of Arts practitioners, artists and members of the Creative Industries, who have come together to support Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. Together, we can achieve a victory for Democracy, the Arts and America.

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“THE ARTS GIVE
PEOPLE AN
OUTLET TO VIEW
THE WORLD
DIFFERENTLY.”
KAMALA HARRIS

SENATOR AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HARRIS,
VIA TWITTER, 2017, AFTER PRESIDENT TRUMP
THREATENED TO ELIMINATE THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
FOR THE ARTS - THE FIRST PRESIDENT IN HISTORY TO
EVER FORMALLY DO SO

WE ARE ARTISTS, ARTS PROFESSIONALS,
AND ARTS LOVERS.
AND OUR VOICE MATTERS.



AMERICA'S ARTS COMMUNITY currently contributes over \$1 trillion a year to our GDP. As a critical and creative partner in this Campaign, we are dedicated to helping realize commitments embodied in the DNC 2024 Platform, including strengthening our communities and our cultural heritage, building bridges within and between our communities, and promoting arts funding and education. We are committed to both activating and investing in the arts and humanities as a vital part of our shared voice and vision.

THE BIDEN HARRIS ADMINISTRATION succeeded in achieving annual increases to the budgets by 25 - 30% of the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museum and Library Services. During COVID, the Administration provided financial relief and support to arts and cultural organizations impacted by the pandemic through programs like the American Rescue Plan Act and the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant. In 2022, the Biden Harris Administration established an Executive Order to strengthen the creative and cultural economy of the United States by promoting the arts, the humanities, and museum and library services, and to advance equity, accessibility, and opportunities for all Americans through the arts; the Order also re-established the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities "to inform and support the national engagement with Americans necessary to advance the arts, the humanities, and museum and library services."

THE HARRIS WALZ ADMINISTRATION will continue to fight for the Arts, including providing critical funding to American arts institutions.



KAMALA HARRIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CHAMPION OF ARTS AND CULTURE.

Harris was born and raised in Berkeley, California during the Free Speech Movement. Her uncle worked at the Studio Museum in Harlem; she grew up playing the French horn and the violin.

As San Francisco's district attorney, she joined the board of trustees at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art in 1996 and remained active through 2011, helping to launch a mentorship program for public-school teens.

Harris also served as a member of the San Francisco Jazz Organization and was a chairperson for the city's symphony fundraiser.

Harris's stepdaughter Ella is a student at Parsons in New York, working in textiles and other media; she is named for the jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald, and her brother Cole's namesake is John Coltrane.

When the cultural agencies were being threatened with elimination by the Trump Administration in 2017, then Senator Harris tweeted about the importance of arts and culture and the National Endowment for the Arts.

In September 2020, she joined artists Carrie Mae Weems, Catherine Opie, and Shepard Fairey in conversation to launch the Artists for Biden benefit exhibition.

As President, Kamala Harris will continue to advocate for the Arts community. Hear what some prominent artists have to say about her...

“I AM AN ARTIST, AND I STAND BY HARRIS-WALZ”

JOHN LEGUZIAMO, HONORARY CHAIR,
ARTS FOR HARRIS WALZ, ARTISTS COMMITTEE

“I’m voting for @kamalaharris because she fights for the rights and causes I believe need a warrior to champion them.” ~ Taylor Swift

“Absolute. 100 percent. Unequivocal Support.” ~ Questlove

“We are voting for Kamala Harris and Tim Walz, because they are fighting to protect our reproductive freedom, our planet and our democracy. Vote like your life depends on it, because it does.” ~ Billie Eilish & Finneas

“Right person. Right time.” ~ Carole King

“I’m so ready to work to help unite the pro-democracy coalition to reject Trump’s authoritarian, oppressive Project 2025 and elect Kamala Harris as our President.” ~ John Legend

“This is a moment to tell your children where you were and what you did. When we stand between history’s pain and tomorrow’s promises we must choose courage over complacency.” ~ Stevie Wonder

“If you’ve never voted before, make sure you get out and vote right now, ’cause this the real one.” ~ Quavo

AND MORE...

Ariana Grande ★ Pink ★ Lizzo ★ Barbra Streisand ★ Bruce Springsteen ★ Katy Perry ★ Beyoncé ★ Stevie Nicks ★ Lil Jon ★ Kristin Chenoweth ★ Idina Menzel ★ Rita Moreno ★ Lance Bass ★ Maxwell ★ Megan Thee Stallion ★ Marc Anthony ★ Bernadette Peters ★ Patti LaBelle ★ Billy Porter ★ Lil Nas X ★ Sara Bareilles ★ Ricky Martin ★ Moby ★ Charli XCX ★ Cardi B ★ Linda Ronstadt

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SUPPORT THE
ARTS IN ELECTING HARRIS WALZ...**



How you can help support the Arts in electing Harris Walz

1. Prepare to vote. Find out where your polling place is. You can also explore absentee and early voting options. Go to <https://iwillvote.com/>.

2. Send this brochure to your friends and colleagues in the Arts community. Share it on FaceBook and other social media.

3. Create a short video for FaceBook or other social media. Sample text below.

“Donald Trump was the first President to formally try to eliminate federal funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. As an artist, I stand with Kamala Harris and Tim Walz.”

4. Donate and volunteer at <https://kamalaharris.com/>.

5. Cast your ballot and help shape our nation’s future!

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM ARTS & HUMANITIES

America is a great nation in large part because of the power of the arts and humanities that's embedded in the DNA of America. The Administration has taken historic action to support the arts, helping libraries, theaters, concert halls, and other venues stay afloat during the pandemic.

The Administration has strengthened the National Endowment for the Arts, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. President Biden also reestablished the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and signed an Executive Order to make art more accessible to people from underserved communities, elevate new voices through the arts and humanities, and expand opportunities for artists and scholars. He has celebrated and elevated the arts by hosting performances and screenings, and has awarded National Humanities Medals, National Medals of Arts, and hosted Kennedy Center honorees at the White House.

Democrats value the humanities, arts and art education for developing imagination, creativity, innovation, and critical thinking, and for building bridges within and between our communities. We will promote arts funding and education — and we will invest in the arts and humanities accordingly. Democrats will fund the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and art and music education in public schools. Democrats know that federal grants for cultural organizations, artists, scholars, library systems, museums, and state and local governments only strengthen our communities and our cultural heritage.



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