

# OHIO ARTISTS ON TOUR

## Artist Fee Support for Presenters



Ohio is home to a remarkable variety of talented performing artists and ensembles that contribute to the quality of life and creative economy of the state. The Ohio Artists on Tour program enables Ohio organizations to tap into the creative potential of these artists to enrich their programming and the vitality of their communities. Visit the [Ohio Artists on Tour Directory](#) to learn more about the artists and ensembles available through this program.

**GRANT AWARDS:** Applicants request one-third of an artist or ensemble's fee, up to \$10,000. Requests may be made for fee support for multiple artists in a single year, up to a maximum of \$15,000.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible to receive fee support through the Ohio Artists on Tour program, an organization **must first have been awarded another OAC grant through a qualifying program** (Sustainability, Arts Access, Arts Partnership, ArtSTART, ArtsNEXT, Building Cultural Diversity, or Artists with Disabilities Access Program) in either the fiscal year the artist or ensemble's performance is scheduled to occur, or in the previous fiscal year.

**HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:** The Ohio Artists on Tour program provides awards in the form of fee support to institutions throughout Ohio that present artists listed in the Ohio Touring Artists Directory. Presenters in search of performing artists are encouraged to consider artists and ensembles listed in the OAC's Ohio Touring Artists Directory, though other Ohio-based artists may be used as well. The artist or ensemble must conduct at least one outreach activity in the community (e.g., master class, lecture/demonstration, school performance, workshop, etc.), and performances must be marketed to the general public. OAC funds must be used for artist fees, which may include travel, lodging, and outreach activity expenses. Please refer to the [Introduction and Overview](#) section of the OAC Guidelines for a list of activities the OAC cannot fund.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Fully executed contracts requesting funds through the Ohio Artists on Tour program must be uploaded to the [ARTIE](#) system. No additional application is required.

To receive funding, each contract must include:

- 1) engagement dates,
- 2) contracted fee,
- 3) number of performances,
- 4) description of outreach activities,
- 5) signature of presenter,
- 6) signature of artist (or artist management),
- 7) evidence that ensemble/artist is Ohio-based (unless already listed in Ohio Touring Artist Directory); and
- 8) e-mail address of primary contact person.

**EVALUATION AND SCORING:** A panel of OAC staff evaluates each request to determine award recommendations, which are reviewed by the OAC executive director and deputy director and then approved by the OAC Board, the only body authorized to make final funding decisions.

**TIMELINE:** The following timeline outlines the Ohio Artists on Tour fee support lifecycle. Any deadline falling on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, is extended until the next business day.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**  
May 15 for fully-executed contracts

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**Fiscal Year 2020 Applications**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TASK/DEADLINE</b>
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	August 30	Grant Agreement Deadline
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