

**THANK YOU DONORS
FOR HELPING US FULFILL
OUR MISSION
TO ENRICH THE
CULTURAL LIFE OF
THE REGION**

Ashe County Arts Council is located in the northwestern corner of North Carolina and offers visitors an opportunity to visit our gallery in downtown West Jefferson and performing arts at the Ashe Civic Center.

**WHAT YOU MAKE
POSSIBLE**

- * Live music, theater, and dance
- * Festivals, gallery crawls & community events
- * Free arts education for every Ashe County student
- * Exhibitions featuring local and regional artists
- * Grants and opportunities for working artists



WHY IT MATTERS

- * **Access:** The majority of programs are free or low-cost
- * **Education:** Arts reach every school, every grade
- * **Economy:** Events bring visitors to West Jefferson and across Ashe County
- * **Community:** The arts connect, inspire, and preserve our culture



JAM Students perform at Fiddlers Convention

2025 A YEAR OF ARTS IN ACTION

Concerts • Exhibits • Festivals
Student Programs
Literary Events & More



WHAT WE DO

- * Present live music, theater, dance, and literary events year-round
- * Produce signature programs like the Ed Perzel Chamber Music Series
- * Arts events including Fiddlers Convention, Studio Tour, and Art on the Mountain
- * Offer free arts education in Ashe County schools
 - * Operate a gallery, gift shop, and exhibitions
 - * Support artists through grants, paid opportunities, and professional development

THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2025

77 EVENTS. ONE COMMUNITY.

- * 52 FREE events
- * 30+ concerts & performances
- * 11 exhibitions

Your support helps ensure that the arts remain a vital, accessible, and unifying force in our community—enhancing quality of life, supporting local livelihoods, and preserving the cultural heritage of the High Country.

WHO WE REACH

- * 2,500+ students served in schools
- * 100+ performers engaged
- * 100+ visual artists showcased
- * 10,000 + audience members

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Accessible Arts for All

Over two-thirds of our events are free, with all others offered at subsidized prices

Youth Education

Student in Ashe County Schools experience the arts through performances, residencies, and programs like Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM)

Economic & Tourism Driver

Festivals, concerts, and gallery crawls bring visitors to West Jefferson and throughout Ashe County, supporting local businesses

Support for Local Artists

We provide income, exposure, and creative opportunities for regional artists

Cultural Preservation

We sustain Appalachian traditions through music, storytelling, and craft