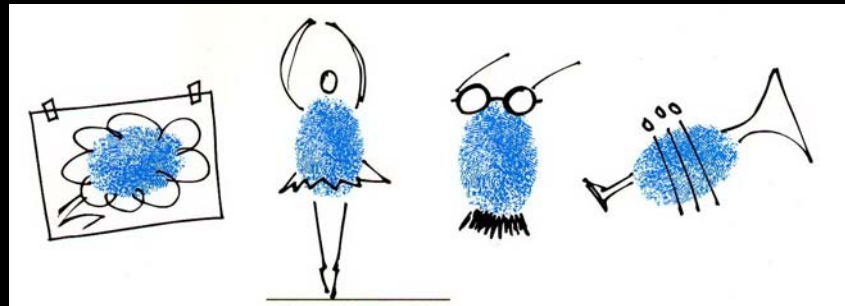


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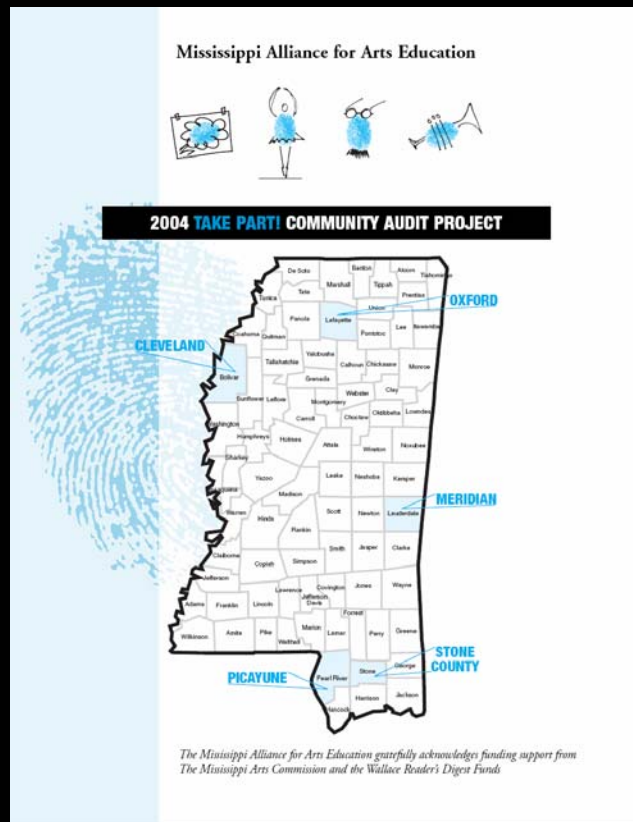
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Background:



- MAAE receives a *Take Part!* Grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission/Wallace Foundation in January 2003
- MAAE conducts *A Community Audit for Arts Education* in Oxford, Cleveland, Meridian, Stone County, and Picayune
- MAAE publishes findings of *A Community Audit for Arts Education* in October 2004

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- MAAE prepares the *Status of Arts Education Survey* to be approved and administered to 153 school districts during September 2006
- In early 2007 MAAE collects survey data, synthesizes responses, and gathers research materials to support recommendations for stakeholders
- MAAE unveils the publication in March 2007 at the Arts Front and Center Forum



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Why arts education?

Why now?

A report from the Center for Education Policy concludes that, since the enactment of No Child Left Behind, 22% of school districts surveyed have reduced instructional time for art and music.

Arts Education: Creating Student Success In School Work and Life

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“If current trends continue nationwide, the proportion of workers with high school diplomas and college degrees is projected to decline over the next 15 years. Today’s young people are on track to be the first generation of Americans with lower educational attainment than the previous generation.”



Higher Education Public Agenda, Gordon Davies, 12/2006

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The game is changing. It isn't just about math and science anymore, although those are surely important disciplines. It's about creativity, imagination, and above all, innovation.

Business Week



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Education is today, more than ever before, the primary engine for the state's economic growth. Mississippi leaders should use this moment in history, in the aftermath of one of its worst disasters, to turn the state around by rebuilding education.

Miles to Go, Mississippi, Southern Education Foundation, 2006

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We need to challenge our youth to look for opportunities to solve big problems and to do great work. We owe them opportunities to advance their careers in an environment that fosters success in Mississippi.

Carolyn Shanks, President and CEO, Entergy Mississippi



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“Our education system is improving because of the concerns and involvement of so many who advocate for the arts. Leaders in states and local communities can and should ensure that the arts remain part of every student’s education.”

U. S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, March 2007