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EXECUTIVE ORDER 66-1

ARIZONA COUNCIL ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

During the past twenty years a tremendous growth of interest in the arts and humanities has taken place in the United States. Some evidence for this may be seen in the significant increase in the number of arts organizations of varied kinds.

The interest of these organizations ranges from operatic, symphonic and dance groups to art museums, little theatres and associations dedicated to the preservation of regional works of arts and historical artifacts. Universities and colleges throughout the nation have, similarly, made a marked contribution in this area through new and expanded educational programs.

The growth of interest in the arts and humanities in Arizona is comparable to the growth experienced in this area by its sister states. The attraction of artists who are challenged by Arizona's natural beauty; the preservation of historical relics and landmarks; the establishment of art museums, symphonic associations and operatic groups; all of these represent a growing awareness and appreciation of the arts and humanities by the people of Arizona.

As interest in the arts has grown, so have the financial needs of the various arts groups but at an even faster pace because of the need for expanded services and equipment.

If Arizona is to give recognition to these varied areas of interest in the arts and humanities, a means is necessary by which this may be accomplished. Local communities as well as metropolitan centers want to have opportunities to appreciate and benefit from the arts. Indeed all our citizens deserve the chance to enjoy works of high quality in the arts and humanities.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Arizona Constitution and Laws of Arizona it is ordered as follows:

Part I. Establishment of the Arizona Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Section 101. There is hereby established the Arizona Council on the Arts and Humanities, referred to herein as the "Council".

Section 102. The Council shall be composed of not more than thirty-five members appointed by the Governor from among persons with a competence and interest in the various areas of the arts and humanities. Consideration shall be given to geographic representation in order that as many cultures as possible may be represented. The Governor shall designate from among the membership a Chairman.

In addition to members appointed by the Governor, the following shall be members ex officio: The Governor, the Presidents of the University of Arizona, Arizona State University and Arizona State College, and the Executive Director of the Arizona State Board of Directors for Junior Colleges.

Section 103. The Council shall meet at the call of the Chairman but in no case less than monthly, except that the Council may choose not to hold meetings during the summer months.

Section 104. The Council is authorized to use the services of consultants and experts as may be found necessary insofar as authorized by law.

Part II. Duties of the Arizona Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Section 201. The Council, during its first year of operation, shall conduct a survey of all existing facilities and arts organizations operative at the present time in Arizona.

Section 202. A determination shall be made as to which art forms shall be included in the survey.

Section 203. The Council shall study ways in which arts groups throughout the state can be assisted by strengthening their organizations and providing additional services to the area they serve.

Section 204. A study shall be made by the Council to determine the types of artistic services needed in Arizona and the feasibility of transporting existing groups in metropolitan centers to smaller towns and cities to fill these needs.

Section 205. The Council shall endeavor to work with local groups to strengthen their art organizations and to encourage the formation of organizations where none now exist.

Section 206. Consideration shall be given to bringing high calibre professional performances to Arizona in order to offer the finest presentations to our own residents as well as tourists. The climate, beauty and accessibility of most every Arizona area provides the possibility of creating attractions comparable to Aspen, Edinburgh and Tanglewood.

Section 207. The Council shall submit an annual report to the Governor by November 15 of each year.

Section 208. All state agencies, departments, boards, commissions and institutions are requested to cooperate with the Council in the performance of its duties.

Section 209. The Council shall immediately draw up a state wide plan in order to avail itself of funds available from the Federal Government to establish a State Arts Council.

Part III.

Section 301. Members of the Council shall serve without expense to the State of Arizona for the first year and thereafter in a manner to be hereafter determined.

Section 302. The appointment of a Council Executive Secretary shall be determined by the Council in conformity with authorizing provisions of the National Foundation of the Arts Humanities.

Signed:

SAMUEL P. GODDARD
Governor of Arizona

Witness:

WESLEY BOLIN
Secretary of State

Date: January 24, 1966

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