



WE ARE PROUD PARTNERS IN THE GLOBAL ARTS PACT

Global Arts Pact is an international consortium activated to contest ongoing attacks on Arts and Humanities across the globe. This project is led by Performance Scholars and Artists but also includes Heritage and Museum Culture, Libraries, Arts Affiliates such as Journalists, and other Arts and Humanities sites where global research, collaboration, education, and public presentation are at risk.

The world faces an unprecedented challenge to human values and freedoms. Violence and oppression are widespread. At this time we in the Arts and Humanities must make ourselves visible and powerful to push for a massive course correction to reverse actions which impact every aspect of our artistic and professional lives.

We will build consolidated global opposition to attempts to determine or censor our content, curtail research collaborations exhibitions, cancel grants or international initiatives on ideological grounds, and install policies that discourage or restrict qualified students from admissions, financial support, or fields of study.

There are many examples across the globe. The well-publicized cuts to grants at the National Endowments for the Humanities and Arts in the USA. But also less visible problems with serious consequences : The Center for the Study and Research of Greek Theater – Theater Museum consisting of a library, an archive and a museum of rare collections has been closed since 2011. As announced last year by the Ministry of Culture, the library and the archive are going to be housed at a landmark building in central Athens (in need of renovation). However, there is no organizational plan or timeline for the re-opening of these collections at the new venue and no provision in the meanwhile for their use by researchers and the general public.

To build a robust global network, we will need information and solidarity from a broad coalition. The leadership of this consortium comes jointly from the International Federation for Theatre Research and Performance Studies international. Eighteen global organizations have already expressed interest in joining us. For more information about plans for the future and to get involved, contact: artspactglobal@gmail.com.