

Our mission is to enlist the power of education, media, theater, music, and other arts to:

- document, disseminate, and revitalize the lasting traditions and contemporary creativity of Appalachia;
- tell stories the commercial cultural industries don't tell, challenging stereotypes with Appalachian voices and visions;
- support communities' efforts to achieve justice and equity and solve their own problems in their own ways;
- celebrate cultural diversity as a positive social value;
- and participate in regional, national, and global dialogue toward these ends.