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#### ABSTRACT

compiled from the marketing, arts, and arts management literature, this selected list includes materials ranging from theoretical articles and reports of studies to practical guides for marketing techniques. It consists of three sections: Primary Sources, Secondary Sources, and Surveys. Of particular interest to the arts administrator, the first section covers six areas: (1) and overview of marketing and the arts: (2) audience development: (3) audience research: (4) audience characteristics, segmentation, and consumer behavior: (5) pricing policy: and (6) promotion. References focusing on marketing in other arts-related fields, such as arts in education or community arts agencies, are listed under Secondary Sources. In the final section, some major attitude, participation, and economic impact studies are cited. (FM)

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# MARKETING THE ARTS:

## a selected and annotated bibliography

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Faced with ever-increasing funding problems, arts organizations have begun to discover the value of marketing techniques for increasing memberships, audiences, and other earned income. One result of this development has been a need for a review of written resources on marketing the arts. This selected bibliography has been compiled from the marketing, arts, and arts management literature. A broad range of materials has been included—theoretical articles, reports of studies, and practical guides to marketing techniques.

The bibliography consists of three sections: Primary Sources, Secondary Sources, and Surveys. Primary sources are limited to readily available references discussing marketing theory or techniques applicable to the arts. Brief annotations follow these citations. The Primary Sources section is divided into six categories: 1) Marketing and the Arts: Overview, 2) Audience Development, 3) Audience (Marketing) Research, 4) Audience Characteristics, Segmentation, and Consumer Behavior, 5) Pricing Pólicy, and 6) Promotion.

Materials dealing with fundraising and special constituencies are excluded, as bibliographies devoted to these subjects are available elsewhere. Selected references focusing on other arts-related fields, such as arts in education or community arts agencies, but also pertaining to marketing, are listed under Secondary Sources. Also listed in this section are less accessible works, and those works that we feel duplicate more general or more recent publications. This division of references implies no quality judgment.

In the final section, we have listed a few major attitude and participation studies, and economic impact studies. The list is not exhaustive, but is meant to highlight these important areas of research. Audience surveys are excluded from this section because of the enormous number of such studies and because materials related to audience research are listed in the Primary Sources section.

While we are aware that relevant material may have been overlooked, we hope that this bibliography will be useful to anyone interested in marketing for the arts--arts administrators, marketing practitioners, marketing scholars, artists, and students.

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