

Transforming Arts Organizations Worldwide

## Arts Organization Leader Benchmarking

### **SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

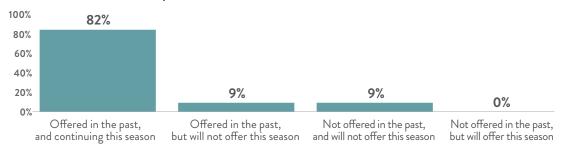
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## **COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS**

## Majority of Arts Orgs Are Continuing Offering Comp Tickets

Comp Ticket Policies For This Season

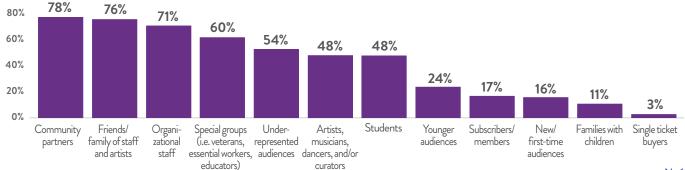
Complimentary "comp" tickets are defined as the distribution of free tickets in an effort to fill a house/ venue to capacity.



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## Comp Tickets Offered to a Large Variety of Audiences

Types of Stakeholders That Qualify for Comp Tickets



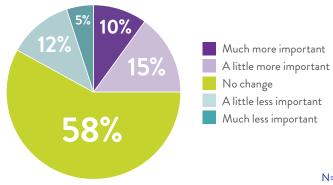
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## **Arts Orgs Have Tempered Goals** for Filling to Capacity

Average % Capacity of House/Venue Filled with Paid and Comp Tickets

### Majority Plan to Keep Comp Ticket Distribution the Same

Priority of Comp Tickets in Ticket Sales Strategy this Season



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## **AFFORDABLE TICKET INITIATIVES**

## A Handful of Arts Orgs Begin Up Affordable Ticket Initiatives

Status of Affordable Ticket Initiatives For this Season



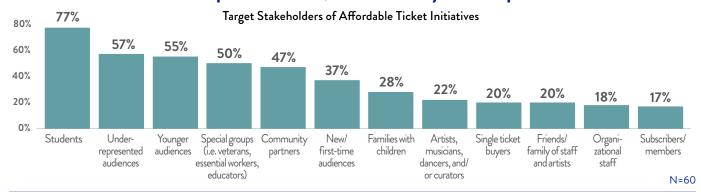
# About One-Fifth of Capacity Saved for Affordable Ticket Initiatives

Average % Capacity of House/Venue Reserved for Affordable Tickets



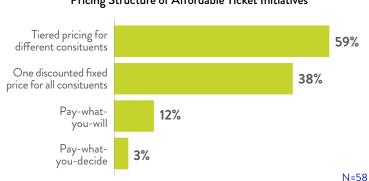
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## Students Are Top Stakeholder, with a Variety of Groups that Follow



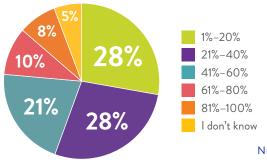


Pricing Structure of Affordable Ticket Initiatives



# Discounts Range Significantly Across Arts Orgs

Average % Discount on a Single Ticket
Across Constituents and Initiatives



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