

“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.” - Edgar Degas

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines art as **“the conscious use of skill and creative imagination, especially in the production of aesthetic objects.”** Northeast Florida has rich history in this industry from early filmmaking and music, among others, and it is still a relevant part of the region today.

There are multiple careers to discover within this industry. From art directors to fashion designers, jobs in this industry span a wide variety of categories.

Although defining art can be difficult, there are three primary types of art careers, all requiring specific skill sets: Applied Art, Fine Art and Digital Art. There are multiple jobs that can come from these subsets. A few examples are wood workers, tattoo artists, performing arts and photographers.

Potentially needed skills include **CAD, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and Adobe Creative Suite.** There are many ways to learn and master these skills, from high school classes to college courses.

The occupations shown below represent a cross-section of entry-, mid- and executive-level positions within the industry.

FAST FACTS

40+ art galleries located in the Jacksonville region

67 public art pieces located in the region

Jacksonville is home to a variety of **music, arts, makers and more!**

SELECT EMPLOYERS IN THE REGION

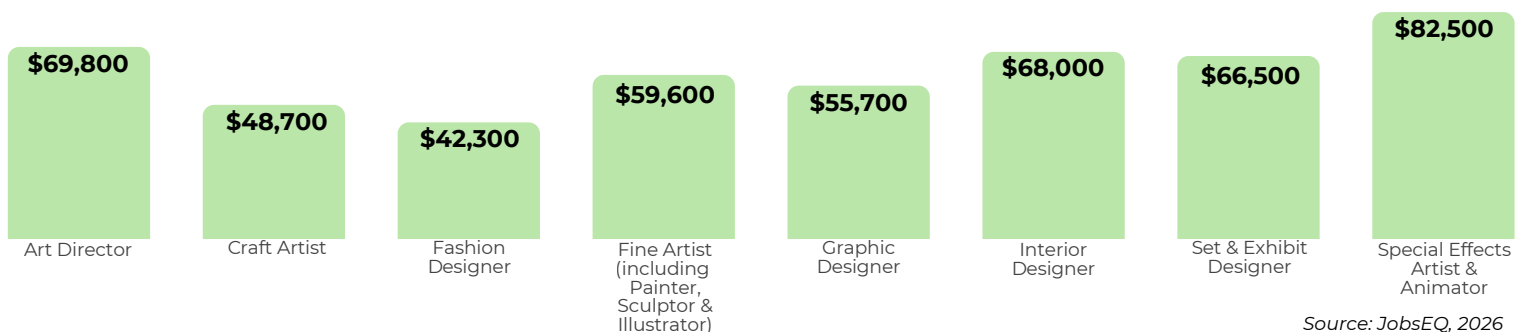


CUMMER MUSEUM



AVERAGE WAGES

Entry-Senior Level



Source: JobsEQ, 2026

Talent Pipeline

Regional colleges & degree/certificate programs with The Arts (or related) concentrations

- Edward Waters University
- Florida State College at Jacksonville
- Jacksonville University
- Keiser University
- St. Johns River State College
- University of North Florida
- Flagler College
- University of Florida (Graduate Campus)

Bachelor Level

- Animation
- Communications (BS or BA)
- Dance
- Digital Media or Digital Media Production (BAS)
- Film/Cinematic Arts
- Fine Arts (BFA)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (BS or BA)
- Music Education (BME)
- Music Performance (7 specialized options)(BM)
- Performance Design and Production
- Theatre Arts
- Game Design
- Graphic Design (BFA)

4-YEAR
DEGREE

- Art Director **(\$69,800)**
- Fashion Designer **(\$42,300)**
- Fine Artist: Including Painter, Sculptor & Illustrator **(\$59,600)**
- Graphic Designer **(\$55,700)**
- Interior Designer **(\$68,000)**
- Music Director & Composer **(\$65,600)**
- Set & Exhibit Designer **(\$66,500)**
- Special Effects Artist & Animator **(\$82,500)**

Associate Level

- Digital Media/Multimedia Technology (AS)
- Graphic Design Production
- Interior Design (AS)
- Theater Technology (AS)

2-YEAR
DEGREE

- Audio and Video Technician **(\$54,600)**
- Designer **(\$43,100)**
- Graphic Designer **(\$55,700)**

Entry Point

- High school students enrolled in any **one of 35** related Career and Technical Education (CTE) academies or curriculum. This also includes certification opportunities.

HIGH
SCHOOL
DIPLOMA

- Photographer **(\$61,800)**

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This represents a sampling of programs currently being offered. Curriculum is subject to change.



THE JACKSONVILLE SYMPHONY was founded in 1949. The Jacksonville Symphony has enriched NEFL with 75 seasons of memorable symphonies, reaching over 113,000 individuals each season. The Jacoby Symphony Hall has garnered a national reputation for excellence and has hosted a myriad of renowned musicians. The Symphony offers internships in a variety of departments as well as year-round auditions to join. jaxsymphony.org

THE FLORIDA THEATRE is a 97 year-old historic theatre in downtown Jacksonville. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, it seeks to preserve the historic landmark through memorable experiences for the community in the form of breathtaking musical performances, live acts, shows and more. The theatre also accepts applications to volunteer as an usher for upcoming shows. floridatheatre.com



THE FLORIDA BALLET presents exquisite seasonal performances featuring a mixture of classical and contemporary works from world-renowned masters of ballet and internationally acclaimed choreographers. Dancers who wish to join are encouraged to submit their materials through the website to be considered. The ballet also offers a 2-year training program for high school graduates to train dancers for a professional career. floridaballet.org

THE CUMMER MUSEUM is located in Jacksonville's historic Riverside neighborhood, and offers spectacular displays of art exhibitions, crafted outdoor gardens and educational programs for the whole family. Attendees are encouraged to become a member of The Cummer to stay engaged in the latest updates and take advantage of the resources that inspire a love and knowledge of all things arts and garden. cummermuseum.org

CUMMER MUSEUM



THE NEW MOSH (Museum of Science and History) enlivens the arts and culture scene of the region and recently announced an expansion and relocation to an \$85 million+ facility situated on Jacksonville's Northbank.

The new MOSH design was inspired by the flow of water throughout Jacksonville's history, which has played an integral role in our city's development. The terraces of the building will rise from the river towards the city with a pathway connecting three themed exhibit spaces. The intentionality in design and vision for its creative construction attest to the region's value and love for the arts. Groundbreaking for the new location began in 2026. themosh.org



These organizations represent a sampling of the diverse art community and employment opportunities in Northeast Florida.

JAXUSA TALENT DEVELOPMENT

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Earn Up is powered by JAXUSA Partnership, the private, nonprofit division of JAX Chamber that is Jacksonville's regional economic development initiative overseeing the efforts of the seven counties of Northeast Florida. Earn Up also works closely with CareerSource Northeast Florida to ensure that employers have the best assistance or any pertinent workforce needs.