

An Initial Community Arts List

Artistic Genres and Events
in this Community:

Directions

Make a copy of a blank version of this file

Name the file, “ICAL for COMMUNITY.docx” where you replace COMMUNITY with the name of the community you are researching (ICAL = Initial Community Arts List). Type the name of the community on the line above.

Provide Basic Contextual Information

Your Name the person filling out this list	
Date of List Creation	
Last Date List Modified	
Date Range of Work on this List	
Brief Community Description <i>Location,</i> <i># of people</i>	
Name(s) of Lead Researcher(s)	
Names of other Researchers	

Figure 1: Basic Context

Follow the “Guide to Making an Initial Community Arts List”

Enter the information you gather into the table in Figure 2. Don’t worry about being too exact or complete. This is a first draft, to be expanded.

Gather more detailed information using the Events (Figure 3) and Genres (Figure 4)

Copy and paste a blank table to collect additional data for each event and genre.

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Genre	Brief description	Who, Where, When, Why

Figure 2: Initial Community Arts List

Events

Gather Information About Events Containing Artistic Genres

To add descriptions of other events, copy the table of event information below, paste it at the end of this file, delete any added information, then start putting in details of another event. Repeat as necessary.

Event Name use a local name if possible	
Write everything about the event and its arts that you can think of.	
Brief description	
List artistic genres that may be part of the event	
Who does this? older generation and/or younger generation, specialists, and so on	
Where do people do this? village, town, city, neighborhood, etc.; outside, inside, special place, etc.	
When is this usually done? (days, seasons, months, times of day, etc)	
Are people continuing to do this event? (all the time, less/more than they used to)	
Name one or two people strongly associated with this event	
Other information give as much detail as needed; note locations of any recordings	

Figure 3: Gathering More Information about an Event

Genres

Gather Information About Artistic Genres

To add descriptions of other genres, copy the table of genre information below, paste it at the end of this file, delete any added information, then start putting in details of another genre. Repeat as necessary.

Genre Name use a local name if possible	
Write everything about the genre that you can think of.	
Brief description	
Events where people do this genre	
How do people experience this? face to face, mobile phone, Internet, VCD, DVD, CD, cassette, other media	
Who does this? older generation and/or younger generation, specialists, and so on	
Are more people learning this genre? (all the time, less/more than they used to) How?	
Briefly describe the artistry that seems important to the genre. music, dance, acting, visual, verbal, other	
Name one or two people strongly associated with or active in the genre	
Other information give as much detail as needed; note locations of any recordings	

Figure 4: Gathering More Information about a Genre