

Creative WE STAND



Message from our CEO and Chief Curator



As many of you are aware, the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is celebrating our 40th year anniversary. That's forty years of advocating for the arts, supporting local artists, championing artistic brilliance, and expanding art opportunities for County residents.

Media has described our current times through many lenses, including the *"Great Reflection."* Having served in this organization for 10 years, I often find myself reflecting in awe— not only of how our organization has evolved, but also how our County's arts community has advanced.

As we move toward the next forty years of serving the County, we are excited to continue evolving in our pursuit to better serve the residents and stakeholders in the County. This means realigning our priorities, and expanding our services and commitment to the arts.

This is a momentous time for the arts in Prince George's County. As we continue this purposeful journey together, I look forward to you standing with us as we continue to support the County's creative community.

Creative We Stand,

Rhonda Dallas
CEO and Chief Curator
Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council

This Month at Arts'tination



We're feeling re-centered and recharged from the Art & Wellness Weekend!

Not even the rain could disturb our peace! We partnered with **BlackOm**, the County Executive's Office, and many others for a weekend of meditation, movement, and mindfulness at Arts'tination. The Art & Wellness weekend serves to empower the community to prioritize self-care through fun and creative programming!



We kicked off the weekend on Friday with Soul Cole leading a Music Meditation workshop for teens, in partnership with the County Executive's [Youth Summer Passport Program](#)! Our attendees experienced the healing vibrations of [Soul Cole's](#) singing bowls, explored the fascinating nature of brain chemistry with our grantee and resident artist [Leslie Holt of Neuro Blooms](#), put their intentions to canvas with a goal setting [Sip n' Paint workshop](#), and on Day 2, realigned their spirits with a yoga session led by Black Om's Paris Coleman.

We thank everyone who joined us, and for the overwhelmingly positive response!



pictured: Youth Summer Passport; Leslie Holt's Neuro Blooms; Sip n' Paint; top: Soul Cole Singing Bowls

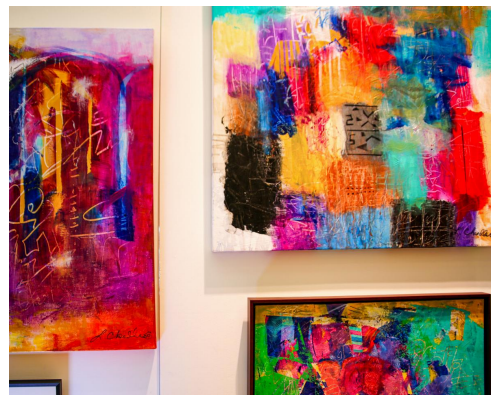
Ask yourself, "What does it mean to be FREE?", for this month only at Arts'tination!



We were thrilled by the response to our first solo art exhibition, **Laurence Chandler: *What Does it Mean to be FREE?***, brought to our patrons in honor of Juneteenth!

We have extended the installation through July, so you can experience the work of Laurence Chandler, known for his abstract expressionist paintings, and the sculpture work

of his partner and collaborator Wanda Jackson.



What Does it Mean to be FREE? showcases recent and new, acrylic and mixed media works on canvas and paper by Chandler, offering a glimpse into Chandler's creative process. Paintings selected for the exhibition interpret, explore and present themes related to living unbounded lives, through the incorporation of varying symbols, colors, textures and patterns.

Upcoming Community Workshops at Arts'tination!

Create + Educate: Self-Empowerment Through Self Portrait

July 30, 2022



2 PM

Give your selfies an artistic update! Create a mixed media self-portrait, exploring the cubism techniques pioneered by Picasso! Combine text from reflections, the colorful abstract elements of cubism, with selective facial features observed in a mirror.

Tickets: \$5

[Register Now](#)

Come down to Arts'tination, **162 Waterfront St, National Harbor, MD** to view our incredible exhibition and shop the works of our talented artists!

The Prince Georges Arts & Humanities Council is currently seeking members of Delta Sigma Theta who are active in the Arts, to contribute to our Art'stination window display & exhibit for the 53rd Eastern Regional Conference, September 1 - 4, 2022.

If you or any Delta artists you know are interested in participating, please send Statement of Interest and sample images of work to kpinkston@pgahc.org for consideration by **July 30th**.

[Want to teach a workshop or become a Resident Artist at Arts'tination?](#)

Check out our Sponsored Events!

We are proud to partner with Baltimore Symphony Orchestra for these FREE Music for Maryland performances!

Overlook the Potomac as you listen to the BSO perform at the National Harbor in Prince George's County. Perfect for a summer evening by the water, this performance features playful music the entire family will enjoy!

[Register Now](#)



We were a proud sponsor of the Lake Arbor Jazz Festival!

We would like to thank everyone who visited our station at the Lake Arbor Jazz Festival this weekend! We are always excited for the opportunity to share the programs, initiatives, and events PGAHC has going on.

Even the rain couldn't put a damper on the electric energy felt throughout the festival. We had a fantastic time!

Grants at PGAHC

Congratulations to our FY22 Community Grant Awardees!



The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is proud to announce the awardees of the **FY22 Community Grant**, focused on Arts in Education:

Cultural Academy for Excellence, Inc, CAFE Pan Arts
Operation Arts Foundation Inc, Art MAGNET: Greenbelt
Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA),
The CAAPA Arts Academy (CAA) Director / Instructor Salary
SOLE Defined Inc., Lucky Learning
Thomas Patrick Washington, Fresh Voices
Tamara Henry, Bowie High School Dance Department,
Poppin' Through the History of Hip Hop
LaShawnte' Holloman-Clay, The Edge Student SEL Student Ambassador Residency
Michael DuBose, Patterns in Math=Patterns in Beat Making
Robert Jackson, Advanced Visual Media (Filmmaking)
Springhill Lake Elementary School, STEAM: Building Connections

Congratulations to our Grantees, we look forward to seeing your projects!

This Month at the Prince George's Film Office



Congratulations to our Prince George's Film Grant Awardees!



The Prince George's Film Office is proud to announce the first awardees of the **Prince George's Arts and Humanities Film Grant Award**, funded by Prince George's County's ARPA Funds:

Tressa Smallwood, *Megamind Media, LLC* - "The Pod"
Harold Jackson, *8 Picture House, LLC* - "In Range"
Terri Jackson, *The Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts* - "Voices in the Dark: Sopranos Slay"

Congratulations to these filmmakers, we look forward to seeing your films!

We are accepting applications for our second round of Film Office Grants. Submissions are due on October 28, 2022 at 11:59pm. For more information, visit our website: www.princegeorgesfilm.org

The Countdown Begins! Mark September 23-25 on your calendars, for the 1st annual Prince George's Film Festival!



In celebration of the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council's 40th anniversary, the Prince George's Film Office presents the first annual **Prince George's Film Festival - Take One**. The Prince George's Film Festival is the premier program for new film works from up-and-coming and established independent filmmakers with diverse voices.

**Are you a filmmaker looking to showcase a film?
We are now accepting submissions in the following categories:**



Narrative Feature

An original motion pictures 60 mins or longer
Genres: Action | Horror | Thriller | Comedy | Drama

Documentary

A original non-fiction work that educates, informs or historicizes events and important figures.
60 mins or longer.

Short Film

An original work 35 minutes or shorter.
Genres: Action | Horror | Thriller | Comedy | Drama

Animation

An original animated work, any length, that features digital and animated characters.

Entries must be submitted by Aug 14, 2022

[Submit your Film](#)

**What's Filming in Prince George's County
BET's "The Couch"**

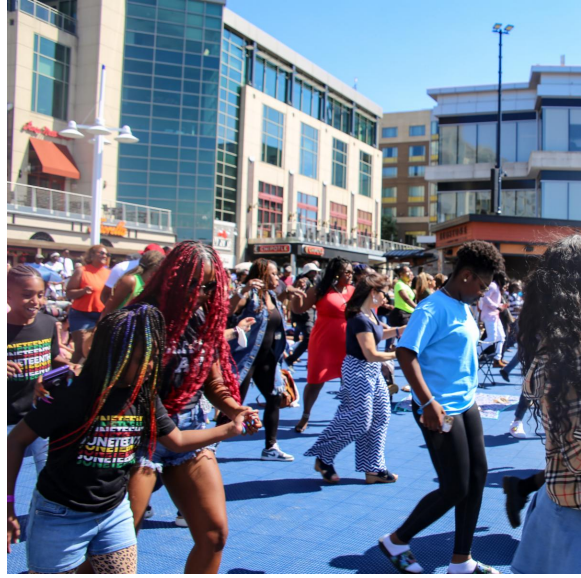
Megamind Media's "The Couch" premiered on BET, July 9th @ 10pm EST. These 2 short films, "Behind the Smile" and "Thin Like Me", were in Prince George's County and address important Mental Health issues that impact the African American community.

Watch [Thin Like Me](#) & [Behind the Smile](#), streaming now on BET Her!



Our June 2022 Highlights!

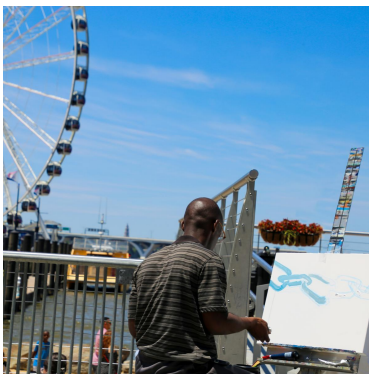
We're still riding the excitement of our Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration at National Harbor!



Our Juneteenth Celebration in partnership with National Harbor was a huge success! 2022 marks the first year that Juneteenth is recognized as a national holiday, and we honored the day by showcasing the wealth of talent Prince George's County has to offer.

Community Love kicked off the day with a fashion show, showcasing their latest styles! Then our Poet Laureate captivated the crowd with her immersive performance of her poem "The Slave Speaks of Natural", followed by two other talented young poets. We couldn't get enough of Sole Defined's expert dance moves, or watching our Arts'tination resident Roger James, create a masterpiece in real time!

And of course, there was no better way to close out the day than getting the crowd moving with an energetic performance by Dupont Brass! We are so grateful to everyone who joined us at National Harbor Plaza, and we hope you had as much fun as we did!



We stood up against gun violence in our communities at the County States Attorney's *Our Streets Our Future* initiative!



PGAHC partnered with the State's Attorney, Aisha Braveboy to stand up against gun violence, at the second annual Our Streets Our Future on June 28th.

The State's Attorney is leading the charge to protect our streets, our residents, and the future of our county by collaborating with various partners to address the serious and ongoing activity around gun violence both county and nationwide. Understanding the power of the arts, PGAHC tapped artist Luther Wright to create a community mural for this event. It was rewarding to see the power of community, as we came together to take a stand against gun violence all while experiencing art, music, and culture.



We were honored to attend the Prince George's County Municipal Association's Annual Breakfast in Ocean City!



Last month, PGAHC joined the Prince George's County Municipal Association at their Annual Breakfast in Ocean City, MD. We are excited for the continued and new partnerships with the various municipalities in the County as we continue to highlight artistic excellence and expand art opportunities to county residents.

Congratulations to Tomeka Bumbry, PGAHC's past Board Chair, for receiving this year's Coalition for African American Performing Arts (CAAPA)'s Legacy Award!



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Save the Dates

40TH ANNIVERSARY SIGNATURE EVENTS

PRINCE GEORGE'S FILM FESTIVAL
SEPTEMBER 22-25, 2022

**DESTINATION PRINCE GEORGE'S:
A DIGITAL PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT**
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

PRINCE GEORGE'S MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 22, 2022

PRINCE GEORGE'S GOT TALENT GALA
DECEMBER 10, 2022



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In the Prince George's Community

Mural at Pyramid Atlantic

The Sky's The Limit by John Ortiz

Muralist John Ortiz finished "The Sky's The Limit" July 11th. This project, funded in part by The City of Hyattsville's Corridor Investment Grant program, enlivens the Church Place alley wall of Pyramid's facility. The former coating, a patchwork of different shades of white, has been replaced by a colorful vista that is evocative of the screenprinting process.



Pictured: The Sky's The Limit by John Ortiz

"I went with soothing/fresh colors, organic shapes,

and drew a lot of inspiration from screenprinting. I thought about how sky's the limit with printmaking, it's experimental, adventurous, and there is really no limit to what you can do," says Ortiz.



Artbae, LLC is seeking Artwork!

Artbae, LLC in partnership with The Artbae Foundation Inc. is reviewing artwork for display at The Real Milk & Honey Market & Pancake Factory located in Camp Springs, MD.

The artwork will be rotated approximately twice per year, with an artist "feature wall" exhibit rotated quarterly.

[Read More](#)



Check out the newest single from Dupont Brass, "Summer Vibes"!

Produced by Ant, the band's trumpet-playing MD, Summer Vibes presents a refreshing twist to a groove that can't help but feel like the soundtrack to skate night, family cookouts, and pool parties. Featuring vocals from the groups MC's and singer La'Vonne, DuPont Brass yet again provides an incredible blend of genres that they've made themselves known for!

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PGAHC thanks our funders for helping us bring the Arts to the Prince George's County community & beyond!





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