



The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

Creative We Stand

June 2021

A Note from our Chief Executive Officer:

Dear Friends,

During her 2021 State of the County Address this month launched from Bowie State University, County Executive Angela Alsobrooks put forth a robust economic development vision for the County moving forward. A key theme throughout her address and plan is that *'Prince George's County Grows Greatness'*.



The arts are an essential part in building vibrant communities and growing greatness in Prince George's County. PGAHC has several new projects and programs in the works, well underway or nearing completion. Arts'tination, located at 162 Waterfront Street, is fully operating and open to the public Thursday - Sunday from 11am-6pm and scheduled workshops Tuesday - Wednesday. I encourage you to support the artists in the space and enjoy a live performance on the weekend! We are excited to share Steven M. Allen's "The Dunbar Operas", a partnership project with the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) Opera Composer's Project. In addition to PGAHC-based programming, our key partnerships expand our reach to the farthest corners of the community. The Cultural Arts Study's data collection phase is near completion as the project team just hosted the Spanish-language community meeting. Our creative program with the Mission of Love Charities brought smiles to mothers across the County. Community members have the opportunity to try their hand at various art forms through our partnership with Starbucks Community Store. Finally, we're proud to serve the veterans community by working with Dr. James Dula and the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is energized to continue our work of making the County the premier arts destination. I encourage you to join us on this journey!

VISION UP, CREATIVITY FORWARD

Creative We Stand,

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

Resources

[Americans for the Arts](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Maryland State Arts Council](#)

[Maryland Humanities](#)

[Maryland Art Place Artist Registry](#)

[Greenbelt Arts & Culture](#)

[Gateway Arts District of Prince George's County](#)

PGAHC in the Community



PGAHC Databases and Forms

Artist Bank

Are you an artist? We'd like to keep you in the loop with all that's going on in the arts world in Prince George's County! Please fill out the form below so we can let you know about events and opportunities specific to your artistic interests.

Click [here](#) to join today!

Film Location Request Form

Prince George's County has many locations that are prime for film-making. Please fill out the form to make a request to use one of our many locations.

Please click [here](#) to fill out the location request form today!

Film Production Resource Database

Do you provide services or resources that benefit the film community? Please join our database.

Click [here](#) to join today!

PGAHC Kicks off Workshops at Arts'tination Series With Artmaking Session Led by Eileen Cave

Artists, teachers, and members of the community attended a hands-on, artmaking workshop conducted by Eileen Cave at Arts'tination. The artwork and life story of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama inspired participants to create their own colorful abstracts. Cave shared her admiration of the 90-year old art shero, who is nicknamed "The Queen of Dots." The workshop also doubled as a celebration Asian American and Pacific Islander Month.



PGAHC Helps Starbucks Celebrate First Anniversary

PGAHC recently partnered with the Starbucks Community Store at Capital Plaza as they celebrated their one-year anniversary. Community members had the opportunity to participate in a paint and sip facilitated by Keiona Clark. During this event participants indulged in Starbucks mocktails and Carmel Macchiato flavored cake.

Poet Laureate Request Form

Add poetry to your next event with the Prince George Office of Poet Laureate! Please let us know about your event by clicking [here](#).

Virtual Event Form

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is dedicated to sharing virtual artistic experiences with our audiences. If you are an organization or individual artist hosting a virtual event, please fill out a short form so that we may add it to our calendar.

Click [here](#) to fill out the Virtual Event Form today!



'From a Poet's Point of View' Hosted Live at Arts'tination

Prince George's County Poet Laureate Sistah Joy hosted her monthly 'From a Poet's Point of View' live from Arts'tination. The event, which featured Brenardo, Gayle Danley, and Brother Yao. Each poet presented multiple pieces and discussed the inspiration for their work. Over 30 guests joined the event which was streamed live to PGAHC's Facebook page. Click [here](#) to watch!

Current Opportunities

PGAHC is calling for Prince George's County-based artists to facilitate creative workshops, display artwork for commissioned sale, and vendor opportunities at Arts'tination, our art gallery located at National Harbor. *All are welcome to Apply!*

Email your bio, a sample of your work, and full contact info including social media to pablo@pgahc.org or call Pablo de Oliveira at 202-450-8541 for more information.



PGAHC Partners With Mission of Love Charities for a Creative Mother's Day Event

In celebration of Mother's Day 2021, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council partnered with Mission of Love Charities (MOLC) to host a socially distanced creative event. PGAHC brought two engaging art instructors, Barbara J. Combs and Pierre Dennis (*pictured above*), to guide the children of MOLC in a creative craft and card-making affair. The young artists designed unique Mother's Day cards and coffee mugs. The heartwarming event brought together staff and clients, artists, and Prince George's families to create and celebrate mothers. Stay tuned for upcoming creative partnership activities with Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council and MOLC!



PGAHC Recognizes Memorial Day

Learn about the importance of Memorial Day and enjoy an artistic commemoration honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. This video, which features Dr. James Dula, was made as a part of the *4 Star Arts 4 Veterans* program which is an ongoing partnership between PGAHC and Prince George's Office of Veteran Affairs.



Cultural Arts Study Hosts Latinx Community Meeting

The Prince George's Cultural Arts Study hosted its final community meeting. The meeting, fully in Spanish, engaged the Latinx community.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Cultural Arts Study.



County Executive Alsobrooks Delivers Her State of the County Address

During County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' 2021 State of the County Address, she outlined a robust economic development plan. Moving forward, the County's economic efforts will be driven by the theme, 'Prince George's County Grows Greatness'. Click the above image to watch the entire address.

Click [here](#) to review the Prince George's County Economic Development Platform.



CAAPA and PGAHC Present: Opera Composers Project - The Dunbar Operas

The Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) partnered with the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) to present Opera Composer's Project's winning composer Steven M. Allen's "The Dunbar Operas," the life and love of poet Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Click the above image to watch the entire performance!



COLOURS OF BLOOM

COLOURS OF BLOOM. Across the globe, for a few short weeks, Spring brings a florescence of colours where nature comes alive in a vivid display of a variety of blooms. Some of these blooms are symbolic of regional celebrations and cultural practices. The Japanese Cherry Blossom or sakura, gifted to the United States, symbolizes a season of friendship and renewal. The wild flowers of southern Africa transform the expansive deserts into wondrous landscapes offering a visual representation of the continent's rich cultural heritage. Colours of Bloom frames the temporality of season in a continuous gaze interweaving diverse cultures through the artists aesthetic intent.

Featured Artists Include the DMV League of Artists:
Keiona Clark is an artist, muralist, entrepreneur, curator and the Founder and CEO of the DMV League of Artists. **Luis Peralta Del Valle** is an award-winning artist who started painting graffiti murals in the District, Maryland and Virginia at the age of 13. He began his formal artistic education at Bell Multicultural High School continuing his studies at the Corcoran College of Art and Design. **Levi Robinson's** paintings and murals offer a visual perspective on what it is to be a human living inside brown skin. Levi's work is represented in several galleries in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. **David 'DEZ' Zambrano** is an artist and entrepreneur who takes his influences in his art from everything he sees and experiences. Dez is best known for his company DEZ Customz where he creates custom shoe designs for the NFL, NBA, and the NHL.

Additional Artists Include: Ronald Beverly, fine art photographer, Yanique Moore, PGAHC former designer in resident and hand bag designer, Nina Carpenter, visual artist and Eazy-Eric Thomas, apparel designer.

We hope you enjoy the installation and please visit Art'stination at www.pgahc.org for more exhibit details.

Rhonda Dallas, Chief Curator

SPECIAL THANKS TO
 Zimstone Gallery • LeDae Contemporary • DesignBold, LLC • PGAHC Board and Team • Peterson Companies /National Harbor

PROJECT FUNDERS AND PARTNERS



PGAHC ORG
 PRINCE GEORGE'S ARTS & HUMANITIES

Visit 162 Waterfront Street at National Harbor to see 'Colours of Bloom' in person!

Live Performances at

• arts'tination •



Saturdays and Sundays
 1pm-4pm



Live Performances at Arts'tination

Every Saturday and Sunday, PGAHC hosts live performances by local artists outside of Arts'tination. Performances have featured a soul singer, latin jazz violinist, drum and singer duet, and a guitar duo. Upcoming performances will feature funk, jazz and many more genres of music. Click [here](#) to see the line-up for July!

Slots are still open for upcoming weekends in June and July. Contact Pablo de Oliveira at pablo@pgahc.org if you'd like to be a featured performer.



Get Your Arts'tination Swag at the Online Arts'tination Shop!

Looking for a gift for your loved one? Items on sale at Arts'tination are also available online. To purchase merchandise, or a piece of art on display in our gallery, please visit pgahc.org/artstinationshop. Pieces that are purchased from the window gallery will be delivered upon the completion of the exhibit.

Film Office Highlight

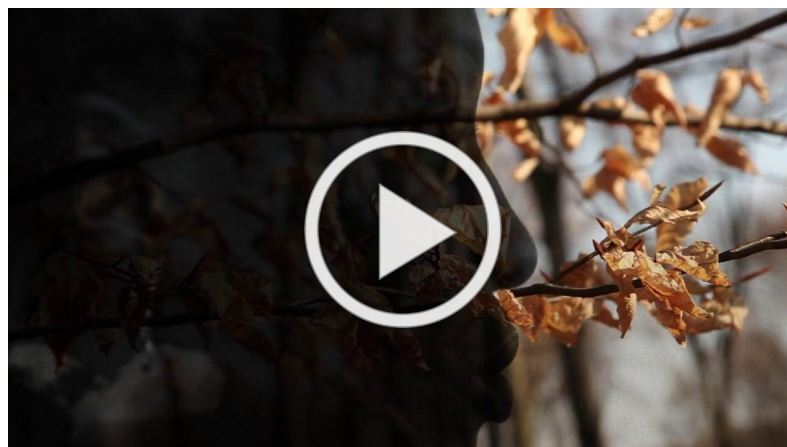
Arts'tination Film Installation Features Work of Teo Williams



Tewodross "Teo" Melchishua Williams is an award-winning digital media producer, artist, filmmaker, animator, projection designer, production designer, and professor. As a filmmaker, he is currently exploring projects in narrative and dramatic film, animation, short and long-form video, mini-documentaries, visual art, and more. He is also exploring concepts in Afrofuturism, science fiction, music, and culture. *Click [here](#) to read Teo's full bio.*

A selection of Teo's films are currently installed on the screening wall at Arts'tination. Included in the reel are *Flowers*, *Butterfly Girl*, *Making Of U*, *Bossa Bang*, *Love on OutsideIn*, *Daylight*, *All We R*, *Daylight*, and *Donny's Path*.

View 'Making of U' Below!



Learn How You Can Support Local Artists and Arts Organizations!

LEARN
MORE

PGAHC .ORG
PRINCE GEORGE'S ARTS & HUMANITIES



PGAHC Thanks Our FUNDERS For Helping Us Bring The Arts To A Larger Audience!



CONNECT WITH US

