

Creative WE STAND



Message from our CEO and Chief Curator



On Thursday, June 17, 2021 President Biden signed legislation making Juneteenth a federal holiday, the first new national holiday established since Martin Luther King Day in 1983. The Prince George's County Council officially honored June 19 as a holiday **in October 2020**. Here at the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, we recognize the incredible significance of this historic moment and are honored to dedicate time and space for deep reflection and celebration in community.

Martin Luther King Jr. believed, "None of us are free unless all of us are free." As such, this date – June 19, signals the "true end" of slavery for African American people in America. Although, this is the first year that Juneteenth is recognized as a national holiday, in communities across the country, the importance and significance of Juneteenth has always celebrated. In fact, the earliest Juneteenth celebration dates to 1866. June 19 is another opportunity for all of us to step back and commit to do all in our power to combat the structures and systems that perpetuates and upholds white supremacy and systemic racism and the inhumanity it embodies.

We are beyond excited to host a Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration in partnership with the National Harbor. Through arts and culture, we honor and celebrate the resilience of a people who have always sought to hold this country accountable to its promises for all people. Through our artistic mediums, the PGAHC will always stand with and be committed to equity and liberation for our marginalized and underserved communities.

We hope to see you Sunday, June 19 at the National Harbor for the Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration. Programming starts at 2 pm.

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

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This Month at Arts'tination
All about Juneteenth!

We're Celebrating Juneteenth With a Sunday Packed With Programs at the National Harbor!

This year, 2022, marks the first year that Juneteenth is recognized as a national holiday. We are proud to partner with National Harbor to present the first Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration at the Plaza stage!

Join us for a day of education, reflection, and celebration, with performances from the Prince George's County Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate, award-winning dance group **SOLE Defined**, live music by **Dupont Brass**, and more!



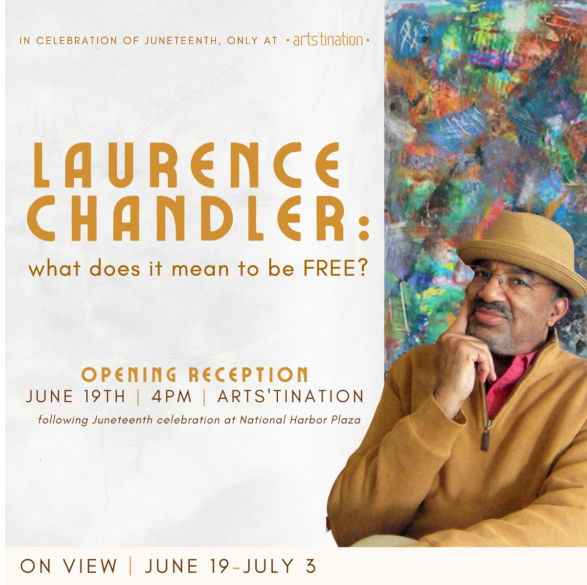
Pictured: Dupont Brass



Pictured: SOLE Defined

The Juneteenth Festivities Continue at Arts'tination!

Afterwards, join us from 4–6 PM for the opening reception for our first solo art exhibition, **Laurence Chandler: What Does it Mean to be FREE?**, brought to our patrons in



honor of Juneteenth.

Meet the artist, Laurence Chandler, known for his abstract expressionist paintings. This FREE event features live jazz and Latin rhythms by [Karen Lovejoy and The Lovejoy Group](#).

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.



Pictured: Karen Lovejoy of The Lovejoy Group

The exhibition will be on view from June 19-July 3

Upcoming Community Workshops at Arts'tination



Card Making with Michel Jeter

June 25, 2022

1:30 PM

Want to make a special gift for a loved one? Have a wedding, baby shower, or birthday to attend? Come down to Arts'tination for a cardmaking workshop with Resident Artist Michel Jeter!

Tickets: FREE!

[Register Now](#)

Come down to Arts'tination, **162 Waterfront St, National Harbor, MD 20745**, to view our incredible window display and shop the works of our talented artists!

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

Art Means Business In Prince George's County



We were honored to participate in the County Executive's 2022 State of the Economy Address and Breakfast at MGM National Harbor!
Thank you to all who stopped by our booth!

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ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Shady Glen Fire Station

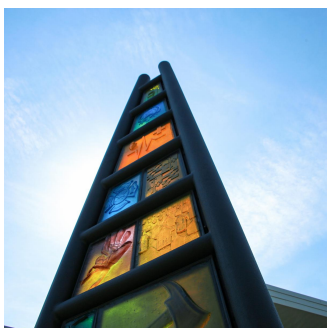
We are proud to present the newest Public Art installation in Prince George's County, this powerful glass sculpture at the entrance to the brand new Shady Glen Fire Station, created by Washington Glass Studio!

Standing at approximately 15 feet, the three-sided steel structure titled *Community Heroes* is cast in the shape of the iconic firefighter's ladder and clad in handmade cast glass. The colorful glass insets incorporate artistic references to aspects of fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services, and the surrounding community.



Pictured: Fire Chief Tiffany Green with our CEO Rhonda Dallas

We were honored to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Shady Glen Fire Station on June 1st! The new facilities are beautiful, sustainable, and, in the words of Fire Chief Tiffany Green, they are a testament to "the successful collaboration and spirit of Prince George's County"!





Prince George's County Bladensburg Branch Library Requests for Qualifications

Deadline: June 30th, 2022



Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council in partnership with Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking to commission local artists for two Public Art opportunities for the newly constructed Bladensburg Library.

The original branch was dedicated on October 21, 1978, in a 1920's-era building that had formerly been the Bladensburg Elementary School and then the Board of Education Media Center. It will be a 22,834 square-foot building – almost three times the size of the original building. This will be the first PGCMLS facility that has been certified as LEED Silver.

There are two Public Art Opportunities available for this project, listed below:

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLADENSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY
BOWSPIRIT SCULPTURE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY **AIPP**
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Bowspirit Sculpture | RFQ

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council in partnership with Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking to commission a local artist to create an original sculpture for the newly constructed Bladensburg Library. In reference to the port town's rich maritime history, the prow of a ship, which indicates the entrance to new children's collection will follow a nautical motif in reference to the 'Discovery Harbor' theme.

[Read more & Apply](#)

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BLADENSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY
INTERIOR WALL INSTALLATION
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

PUBLIC ART OPPORTUNITY **AIPP**
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Interior Wall Installation | RFQ

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council in partnership with Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking to commission a local artist to create an original wall art installation for the newly constructed Bladensburg Branch Library. In reference to the port town's rich maritime history, the wall installation will follow a nautical motif in reference to the 'Discovery Harbor' theme for the new children's

[Read More & Apply](#)



Prince George's Film Office Location Spotlight Former Prince George's Hospital Center



Last year, when the Prince George's Hospital Center, located in Cheverly, Maryland, closed its doors to patients, it opened a great opportunity for filmmakers in need of a medical environment for their next production. The former Prince George's Hospital Center is now available for productions looking for a variety of hospital settings.

While all equipment has been removed, with a creative set and art department, this medical location can be re-imagined into a fully functioning hospital with an emergency room, hospital wards, doctor's offices, operating & x-ray rooms, hospital registration and waiting areas.

For additional photos visit our Locations Gallery at www.princegeorgesfilm.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

The first annual Prince George's County Film Festival
September 23-25, 2022
More details coming soon

Grants at PGAHC

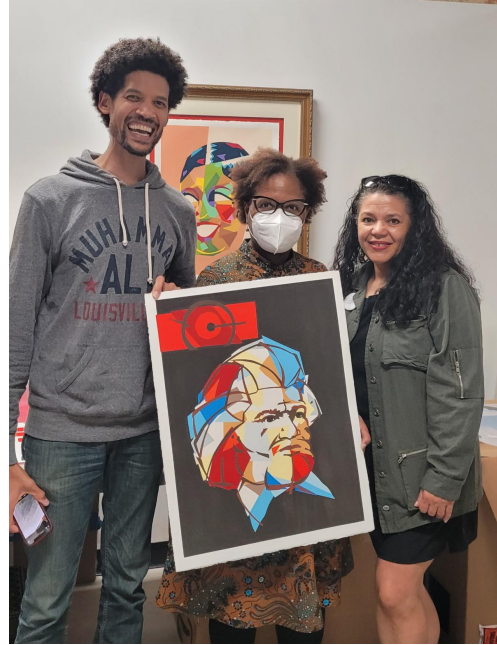
Grantee Spotlight

Imar Hutchins | *What, to the American Slave, is your Fourth of July?*

Imar Hutchins, an FY21 Artist Fellowship

grantee and resident artist at Pyramid Atlantic, presented a print of his compelling new 16 Limited edition, 16-color serigraph of Frederick Douglass entitled *What, to the American Slave, is your Fourth of July?*.

According to Hutchins, "The title is a quote from a famous speech Douglass gave once on the Fourth of July thus I've depicted him as red, white and blue. Another line that always stands out for me in that speech is: "It is not light we need, but fire!" A feeling that worked its way into the various reds in this piece. This print is not just an homage to Douglass but also subtle tribute to John Johnson, the founder of *Ebony* Magazine.



A special issue of *Ebony*, September 1963, which marked the Centennial of the Emancipation Proclamation, inspired the series. "The red rectangle represents the *Ebony* logo and Johnson. The shapes inside of it represent the North Star," Hutchins explained. "The literal North Star led Frederick to freedom, but it was also the name of his publication. The North Star, the publication, was in turn the progenitor of the Black Press, of which *Ebony* is a key descendant..."

With Juneteenth this month, we are proud to present the works of a grantee focusing on our nation's history!

Please be sure to follow him on Instagram [@imarhutchins](https://www.instagram.com/imarhutchins) and <https://linktr.ee/lmarLyman>



STARBUCKS

Join us for "Coffee & _____" @ the Starbucks Community Store

We are excited to bring you artistic activities and entertainment experiences each month with our "Coffee & _____" series, our exclusive partnership with the Starbucks Community Store.

This month, we're bringing you "Coffee & Plant", a planter making workshop with artist Marie Antoinette!

Grab a cup of coffee, take a seat and join us **Sat. June 21st at 12PM**, for a performance you won't want to miss!

Starbucks Community Store
6300 Annapolis Rd #1, Landover Hills, MD

A promotional poster for a Starbucks workshop. The background is dark green with white wavy lines. At the top, it says "Grab a Coffee & Join Us to Create Your Own Planter with Live or Faux Plants". Below this is a circular portrait of Marie Antoinette with the text "w/ MARIE ANTOINETTE". To the right is a QR code with the text "Use the QR Code to Register for This Workshop". In the center is a small planter with a rainbow-colored base and a white cup with "You Matter" written on it. At the bottom, it says "COFFEE & PLANT" in large green letters, followed by "JUNE 25TH 12PM-2:00PM". The Starbucks logo and a 40th anniversary logo are at the bottom right.

Congratulations Myles! We are so proud of you!



We are so proud to announce that Bowie State University student and Prince George's County native **Myles Frost** has won the **2022 Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical** for his portrayal of Michael Jackson in MJ: the Musical! Myles is officially the youngest performer to win best leading man in a musical on his own.

In March, we had the honor of bringing a group of County residents, including 45 BSU students, to NYC to experience Myles' stellar performance on Broadway in partnership with Bowie State University! He captivated our audience with his transformation into the King of Pop, and with his introspective and eloquent [analysis of himself and his process.](#)

**We are so proud of you Myles, this is only the beginning for you!
Congratulations!**

Opera from a Sistah's Point of View!

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**SATURDAY
 JUNE 25TH, 2022
 4:00PM**



MASKS ENCOURAGED: VACCINE CARDS OR
 NEGATIVE TEST RESULTS PROOF

Share the evening with Soprano, Angela M. Brown as she imparts "Opera...from a Sistah's

Point of View". You won't want to miss this event.

The performance will commence on a new date of Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 4pm at Center for the Performing Arts at PGCC 301 Largo Road Largo, MD 20774

Purchase your ticket today!

Last Chance to Apply for the Community Voucher Program!

The Prince George's Community College, Center for the Performing Arts (PGCC CPA) Community Voucher Program is a partnership established by PGAHC, Prince George's Community College Foundation (OIA) and Prince George's Community College, Center for Performing Arts (PGCC CPA) to expand performing arts opportunities in the Prince George's County community by offering non-profit art organizations, art businesses and artists affordable options for staging performances at PGCC CPA.



This program will provide vouchers up to 50% of total costs toward rental and services up to a maximum award of \$3000 for eligible artists or art organizations. Productions and space can be requested and scheduled at PGCC CPA from November 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 (based on availability of time slots at PGCC CPA).

**Apply
Here**

A graphic titled 'Save the Dates' for the 40th Anniversary Signature Events. The text is arranged in a list format with dates. The background is light gray with a pattern of thin lines and a large orange graphic on the right side. The text is as follows:

Save the Dates
40TH ANNIVERSARY SIGNATURE EVENTS

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

DESTINATION PRINCE GEORGE'S:
TELLING OUR STORY THROUGH PUBLIC ART
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

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

PRINCE GEORGE'S GOT TALENT GALA
DECEMBER 10, 2022

40th ANNIVERSARY PGAHC

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