



The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

Creative We Stand

April 2019

A Note from our Executive Director:

Successful Annapolis Legislative Session for the Arts

As the 2019 Maryland State Assembly in Annapolis is complete, we celebrate legislative victories for the arts community in Maryland and Prince George's County. PGAHC Congratulates the State and the County for some major wins:



- Record year in Maryland State funding for arts with \$24.4M appropriated for the Maryland State Arts Council elevating our state to **THIRD** in the nation for per capita spending on the arts.
- Passing of Senate Bill 12 which creates a legislative precedent requiring allocated funding for public art to be included within certain Maryland State funded Capital Improvement Projects.
- Passage of SB1011 authorizing the Prince George's County Public-Private Partnership which can result in the building of 18 schools over a 7-year period meaning more capacity for arts in schools.
- County received \$250,000 for FY2020 amphitheater feasibility study and pre-authorization for \$14.5M in funding for construction starting in FY2021.
- PGAHC received \$100,000 for the Bus Shelter Public Art Project in collaboration with the Prince George's County Municipal Association. Special thanks to sponsors Senator Joanne Benson and Delegate Erek Barron.

Your voice as contributing artists, arts administrators, and citizens of the arts community is paramount in bringing important matters to the forefront. Our office will keep you informed about bills to watch and upcoming budget sessions that have a direct impact on countywide access to quality arts experiences, and arts anchored economic development. I encourage you to reach out to your elected officials and offer thanks for recent successes and to also continue to voice your support for important legislation.

Please also let us know details of your upcoming events so we can share the awesome work that you do with everyone who lives, works and is curious about all of the excitement surrounding the arts in Prince George's County. Contact R. Joshua Reynolds, our Marketing and Communications Manager at rjreynolds@pgahc.org to share your events.

Last, PGAHC mourns the loss of Speaker Michael E. Busch who was a champion for the arts and had a major impact on many of the successes that we enjoy today. May he be remembered for his contributions to the life of all Marylanders.

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Rhonda Dallas Executive Director, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council



Above: Youth Poetry Ambassador Kaliyah Greene

Poet Laureate Series: Step Into My Shoes A Women's History Month Celebration

The Prince George's County Office of the Poet Laureate partnered with Joe's Movement Emporium on Saturday, March 30th, to present "*Step Into My World*," a Women's History Month celebration. The free family-friendly afternoon affair was the third in a series of 9 arts-based events being presented throughout the county during 2019 to engage Prince Georgians in poetry as well as cultural and literary expression. The occasion then transitioned to a surprise moment of recognition as Executive Director Rhonda Dallas and Sistah Joy presented a custom framed Certificate of Recognition, complete with photo insert, to the honorable Dr. Dorothy F. Bailey for her years of service, leadership, vision and support of the arts.

Click [here](#) to read the full story.



North and South County Student Exhibitions

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council partnered with Prince George's County Public Schools to present the Prince George's County Student Art Exhibit as a part of Youth Art Month. This art exhibit, which has taken place in two locations, showcases the work of hundreds of students from grades one through twelve from all over the County. The North County exhibit was held at the the Clarice Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland, College Park from March 22nd to April 2nd. The South County Exhibit ran from April 1st until April 11th at the M-NCPPC Harmony Hall Arts Center.



P.A.I.N.T. Prince George's Pop-Up: A Cuban Cultural Experience

On Sunday, March 31st, the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council hosted 'A Cuban Cultural Experience' P.A.I.N.T. Pop-Up event. Crowds gathered at the Beltway Plaza Mall in Greenbelt, MD for an afternoon of Arts & Crafts, Community Art and Live Painting! Attendees also enjoyed a special Cuban dance performance by Moving Rhythms.

Learn more about P.A.I.N.T. Prince George's Pop-Up events by contacting Luther Wright at lwright@pgahc.org.



Construction is Underway at DPARK3311

Ground has broken at Design Park 3311 (DPark3311), PGAHC's first creative incubator. Located in Mt. Rainier, MD, DPark3311 will support the local established & emerging film and fashion industries in Prince George's County. Opening in May, it will provide training, mentoring, work space and stations, apparel manufacturing/production, and support. Entrepreneurs will be able to develop the skill set necessary to execute their visions, goals and business ideas. Members of DPark3311 will have exclusive access to resources for film production, graphics, technology, artist, fashion design roadmap, costume design, events, networking and community programming, all which will be essential to growing businesses.

Learn more about DPark3311 by contacting Michelle Darden-Lee at mdl@mingusonline.com.



LOCATION SPOTLIGHT - Watkins Regional Park



Located in the heart of Prince George's County is Watkins Regional Park, this month's Location Spotlight. If you are looking for a location with lots of outdoor versatility, then you should consider Watkins Regional Park for your next production. The park has nature trails, lush forest and woods, campgrounds, picnic areas, streams, an animal petting farm, an authentic old fashion carousel, a miniature train, sport fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, winding roads, an old wooden bridge, rustic barns and acres of fields and pastures.

Recently, the park was the location for a small docu-drama. The production company took advantage of its wooded area for a search scene. It was also the backdrop for several mini documentaries which utilized the park's nature trails, athletic fields and campgrounds.

Watkins Regional Park is located at 301 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD



Click [here](#) to learn more about the Prince George's Film Office

Happening in Prince George's County!

Saturday, May 11, 2019
11am to 5pm

GATEWAY
OPEN
STUDIO
TOUR

(Click the above image to learn more)

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP BY



APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Prince George's Poet Laureate Reading Series
National Poetry Month Celebration
"STEEL PANS & POETRY"



April 27th, 2019

7pm-9pm

Metropolitan Event Center

9109 Piscataway Rd.

Clinton, MD 20735

Featured Poets:

Poet Laureate Sistah Joy, Youth Poetry Ambassador Nala Washington,
Kim Richardson Bey, Baba Ras D, Horris Lashley

Featured Vocalist:

Francis Richard

Live Visual Artist:

Kimeko Robinson

Featured Musicians:

Josanne Francis &
CAFE (Cultural Academy For Excellence) Steel Pan Orchestra



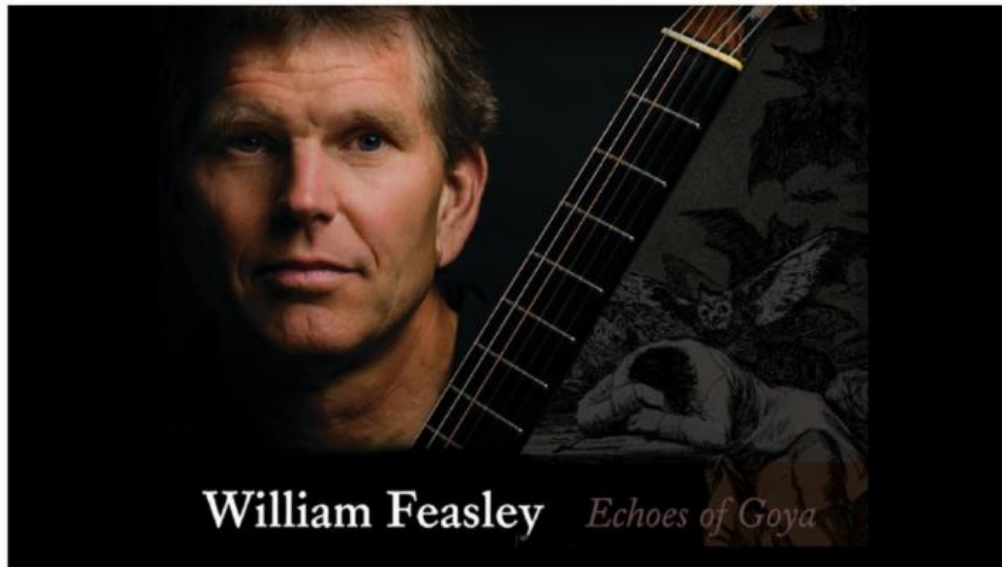
the 14th annual
heritage
film festival



Presented by *IN VISIBLE COLORS* and *6Hearts*
May 15, 16, & 18, 2019 in New Carrollton, MD

Davies Concert Series

Presents



Sunday, April 28 at 4:30 PM

Davies Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church, Camp Springs, Maryland

**A program of guitar works by
composers who were influenced by Francisco de Goya**

Pre-concert Performance by Student Artists:

Jack Mitchell, Henry Riemer and Isaac Baum

Tickets are \$15 for adults \$5 for 0-18.

For information call 301-627-0284

or visit us at Facebook - Davies Concert Series.

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Presents

THE
Family
DINNER

A 90 MINUTE TRAGIC COMEDY PLAY

Friday, Sept. 6th at 7:30PM
Saturday, Sept. 7th at 7:30PM

Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
15200 Annapolis Rd.
Bowie, MD 20715

Purchase Tickets At:
www.shelbybaggott.com
301-885-8644

The project and activities of Shelby Baggott are supported in part by the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council.



Black Authors and Readers Rock (BARR) – October 4-5, 2019
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