



The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

Creative We Stand

August 2020

A Note from our Executive Director:

August highlights creative expression in Prince George's County. There are many opportunities to engage with our local arts community and access the arts through multi-disciplinary experiences.

The long-awaited Cultural Arts Study is underway and we're on track to develop a comprehensive Cultural Arts Plan for our County. Plans are being finalized to launch a virtual version of the Gateway Arts District Open Studio Tour (OST), Saturday, August 22. I'm very excited about the innovative platforms emerging to support local artists and creative content producers. The Soul4Reel Film Festival has moved to a digital format, Art Works Now is offering Virtual Weekly Summer Camps and art classes, Creative Suitland is offering 'Self-Care Sundays' and an evening concert series 'Front Porch at Suitland', and the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) is offering a Vir-Cital performance series, just to name a few. Lastly, the PGAHC team has developed impactful virtual programming with our Artrepreneur Series, ArtMoves Series, Literacy Through Poetry Series, and Virtual Lunch Break Series.



As a community, we continue to press through challenging times. We are still inspiring. We will continue to thrive. And, we remain Prince George's Proud.

Creative We Stand,

Rhonda Dallas - Executive Director and Chief Curator

Cultural Arts Study Update



Internationally Recognized Lord Cultural Resources Selected to Consult on Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC), Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Planning Department and Department of Parks and Recreation will work with [Lord Cultural Resources](#) (Lord) to conduct the highly anticipated Cultural Arts Study. Joy Bailey-Bryant, Vice President, will serve as project lead guiding the process legislated by Prince George's County Council Resolution [CR-050-2019](#). The passing of this resolution supports development of the Cultural Arts Study which will highlight the arts and culture sector in the County. The study is also designed to promote appreciation for the County's culture and inspire deeper engagement in the arts in Prince George's County.

At the completion of the study, which will take place over the next 12-18 months and include community outreach meetings and stakeholder interviews, a comprehensive Cultural Arts Plan will be published by the Planning Department. The plan will outline strategies and recommendations for integrating arts and culture into the County's economic development and land use planning.

The arts community in Prince George's County will be called upon to participate in the study by helping gather information.

Please click [here](#) to sign up to hear about how you can participate in the Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study!

Resources

[Americans for the Arts](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Maryland State Arts Council](#)

[Maryland Humanities](#)

[Maryland Art Place Artist Registry](#)

[Greenbelt Arts & Culture](#)

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!

Poet Laureate Request Form

Do you want the Prince George's

2020 Open Studio Tour Goes Forward in New Virtual Format

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is excited to be part of the planning team working with artists in the Gateway Arts District to facilitate the launch of the first virtual Gateway Open Studio Tour. This year's artist-centric tour will take place on Aug 22nd with studios from around the Gateway Arts District opening a virtual market place while presenting their talent and new works. The planning committee is excited to use various virtual platforms to connect artists to the community.

Learn more about how to participate in this year's Open Studio Tour by visiting <https://www.gatewayopenstudios.org/>.



DPARK3311 Designers in Residence Announced

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) has announced the first cohort of the Designers in Residence (DIR) program at Design Park 3311 (DPARK3311) located in the Gateway Arts District. The DIR program was established to connect up-and-coming designers with the resources and tools they need to take their creative business to the next level. This year's cohort includes Dionne Clemons, India Shelton, Nyah Harkless, and Maria Fenton.

County Poet Laureate to be a part of your event? 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!

Visit www.pgahc.org/dpark3311 to learn more about the DIR program.



PGAHC Celebrates Healthcare Workers at Greater Baden Medical Center

To thank frontline healthcare workers, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council organized a Health Care Heroes Creative Appreciation Pop Up event at the Greater Baden Medical Services in Brandywine, MD. PGAHC is dedicated to organizing artistic and creative ways to thank, appreciate, and inspire those who are at the forefront keeping the community healthy. The event at Greater Baden Medical Services featured a live painting by Luther Wright and music provided by the ReFreshed Band.

Click [here](#) to view highlights from the ReRefreshed Band's performance.

Upcoming Events

THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POET LAUREATE
PRESENTS:
Literacy Through Poetry
A MULTI-GENERATIONAL MULTI-GENRE SERIES
VIRTUAL POET LAUREATE READING & WORKSHOP

Hosted By:  Sistah Joy
Poet Laureate

Featuring:  Joy Jones
Featured Poet

 Jacqueline Pope
Visual Artist

Saturday Aug. 22, 2020
1:00pm

THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND INCLUDES
A POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP. GUESTS MAY SIMPLY
ATTEND/LISTEN OR REGISTER TO READ DURING THE OPEN MIC.

Visit pgahc.eventbrite.com to register!

Email sistahjoy@pgahc.org for more information



Aug. 22nd @1pm Literacy Through Poetry

Join Prince George's County Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy as she welcomes featured poet Joy Jones, and Visual Artist Jacqueline Pope for an afternoon poetry workshop.

Click [here](#) to register today!



The Artrepreneur Series: Aug. 12th - Tips for PR

Learn how to sell your story to land great media coverage!

Click [here](#) to register today!



The Artrepreneur Series: Aug. 26th - Music Streaming 101

Learn the ins and outs of how to share your music on various streaming services.

Click [here](#) to register today!



PGAHC Announces Public Art RFQ For Sis' Tavern at 4516 41st Avenue

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council recently announced a Public Art Request for Qualifications for a project at Sis' Tavern at 4516 41st Avenue. The tavern is a landmark of North Brentwood, the first African-American community incorporated in Prince George's County. PGAHC received a grant from the Redevelopment Authority for an exterior mural to be installed on the surrounding fence enclosing the outside pavilion area.

Interested parties must submit their qualifications to publicart@pgahc.org by **Monday, August 31, 2020**.

Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

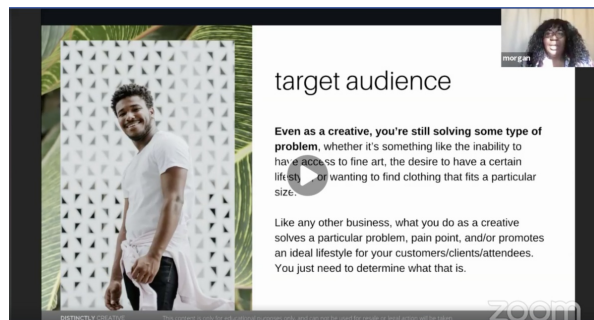
Virtual Programming Highlights



Office of the Prince George's County Poet Laureate Launches Virtual Poetry Reading Series

The Office of the Prince George's County Poet Laureate hosted its most recent installment of the virtual Literacy Through Poetry initiative on July 25th. The event featured poetry recitations by Poet Laureate Sistah Joy, KaNikki Jakarta, and an art exhibition by Keiona Clark. The featured performances were followed by a poetry writing workshop and open mic segment. The next Virtual Poetry event will take place on Sat. August 22nd at 1pm.

Please view at facebook.com/pgahc/videos.



Jessica Hebron and Morgan Davis Share Gems with Artrepreneurs

PGAHC's new virtual series, 'The Artrepreneur Series: Preparing the Next Level of Creativity and Entrepreneurship', provided the art community with impactful programming throughout July. Jessica Hebron led a workshop detailing how to develop creative content for the youth. A

week later, Morgan Davis, provided a workshop teaching participants how to harness their marketing power. Attendees of both events expressed that they walked away empowered.

Please visit facebook.com/pgahc/videos to view episodes of the Artrepreneur Series event!



Our Executive Director and Chief Curator, Rhonda Dallas, posed a challenge to our local artists to answer Nina Simone's question, "How can you be an artist and not reflect the times?"

Below are some responses we've received:

'Laura Misunderstood' responded by saying, "What is time but a shadow of past; a reflection of ones present; or a glimpse through the telescope to peak at a future that's full of great wonder and mysterious space, open for possibility."

We've also received art pieces inspired by the times:



'Wood Carving'
Artist: D. Mychajluk



'Race, Religion, and Revolt'
Artist: David W.M. Cassidy

Please click [here](#) if you would like to share how your art reflects the times.

Prince George's County's Film Office Highlights



Prince George's County is Open for
Film Production Under Phase 2
Guidelines!

Film Production has resumed in Prince George's County under the required COVID-19 guidelines and it's off to a robust start. Megamind Media just completed the filming of 4 Documentary Shorts for BET Her, Pretty Bird Productions will be filming a Peloton commercial, and the Greenbuzz Agency will be filming three Public Service Announcements and an educational video this month.

Since resuming production in the County, the Prince George's Film Office has received many inquiries for filmmakers and production companies anxious to get back into production. All productions are required to adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines and, so far, each project has been able to safely resume.

Prince George's County has a wealth of great filming locations for your next production. Visit www.pgahc.org/film-office to fill out a location request form. The Film Office is ready to help you with the creative vision for your next film production.



Soul4Reel Film Festival Goes Virtual!

The Soul4Reel Film Festival has gone digital and passes are now available. Celebrating its 10th season, the festival will make its short film selections, new and old, available on its virtual platform.

Click [here](#) to visit the virtual site, purchase passes, and view this year's film line up!



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