

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

Creative We Stand

March 2021

A Note from our Chief Executive Officer:

Dear Friends,

As we close March, celebrating Women's History Month, I'd like to pay tribute to one more phenomenal woman of Prince George's County: **Our Past Board President**, **June White Dillard**, **Esq**. June was a passionate advocate for the arts and cultural preservation. She was



a beacon of inspiration to many, an unyielding voice for justice, and a fearless leader with a servant's heart.

I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to gain extraordinary insight from June's presence in my life. A powerful and influential presence that has manifested in my vision and approach to leading Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council.

So, with both a tear and a love-filled smile from all of us whose lives were touched by June White Dillard, we know we will forever be lifted and empowered on her wings!



ArtWorks Groundbreaking (Hyattsville, MD)



Maryland Arts Day (Annapolis, MD)

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 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 <u>here</u> to fill out the location request form today!

Film Production Resource Database

Current Opportunities



Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council administers grants annually in the following categories: Artist Fellowship, County Arts, and Arts-in-Education.

A panel of art experts and professionals adjudicate each application before ultimately deciding on and announcing awardees.

We are currently accepting applications for Arts-in-Education and Public Art Grants through April 9, 2021 at 11:59pm.

Please visit www.pgahc.submittable.com to apply!

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

Click **here** to join today!

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 <u>here</u> to fill out the Virtual Event Form today!

Upcoming Events



March 31st- African Dance

Join in an interactive virtual African Dance experience led by Akosua Akoto. This will be our final event to celebrate Women's History Month!

Click here to RSVP today!

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

EMERGENCY GRANTS

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

\$5 million of funding is available to:

- Independent artists
- Arts organizations
- · County Arts Agencies
- Arts & Entertainment District management entities

Per the legislation, MSAC will prioritize grants to organizations that have not received prior funding from MSAC or do not qualify for funding under other MSAC programs.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: APRIL 1ST

MORE INFO: tinyurl.com/MSACEmergencyGrants



Maryland State Arts Council Emergency Grants Applications Due April 1st!

Maryland State Arts Council is currently accepting applications for their Emergency Grant program. \$5 million of funding is available for independent artists, arts organizations, County Arts Agencies, and Arts & Entertainmentment management entities.

Click <u>here</u> to apply today!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



PGAHC Partners with Starbucks to Present 'Coffee and Paint' Event!

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council joins partner, Starbucks of Capital Plaza to present 'Coffee and Paint'. Featuring local artist and art instructor Keiona Clark of the DMV League of Artists, the virtual guests participated in a guided experience while painting a "singing woman". Following Ms. Clark's instructions from the comfort of their homes, each guest was encouraged to put their own spin on their paintings. The session, which inspired creativity, is

a part of a series of events hosted by PGAHC and Starbucks of Capital Plaza.



PGAHC Event Highlights



'Color of Change' Exhibit in County Executive's Suite Features Work of Suitland High School Artists

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council recently partnered with the Prince George's County Public Schools to install the 'Color of Change' exhibit in County Executive Angela Alsobrooks' office suite at 1301 McCormick Drive in Largo, MD. This dynamic exhibit features work by talented Suitland High School artists from the Center for the Visual and Performing Arts in Prince George's County, Maryland. The inaugural exhibit was installed in March 2021 to commemorate Youth Art Month. The students were asked to share their artistic viewpoints and career goals.

"In my piece, 'From Division to Unity', I used a colorful painted quilt made out of different sections with concepts that separate our society, today, sewn onto them." said student artist Cameren Sitney. "It symbolizes a feeling of unity, saying that the concepts painted: race, sexuality, income and beauty standards, should unite us instead of constantly dividing us."

Rhonda Dallas, PGAHC's Chief Curator expressed the importance of high-quality art education across the County.

"The celebration of these extremely talented student artists is a testimonial to the inspiration and creative instruction provided by the faculty at Suitland High School's Center for the Visual and Performing Arts in Prince George's County, MD. A special thanks to our art educators for cultivating student aspirations in Color of Change."

Work on this project began in December as an interactive approach to keep students encouraged over their holiday break. Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council provided the students with a \$100 holiday gift-card for art supplies so they could produce a piece for the show. Framed works will be returned to students to support their senior portfolios when the exhibit closes in May. More work from PGCPS will be featured in this premier public art space, as 'Color of Change' paints hope across our community palette.



PGAHC Partners with Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts and Community Organizations to Present 'Creative Entrepreneur' Series

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council's robust partnerships with Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts, the Gateway CDC, Creative Edge, the Prince George's Film Office, and DPARK3311 collaborated to present the 'Creative Entrepreneurs' workshop series. The series, which took place over a 7-week period from February to March, covered topics important to the creative community including: Grants, Negotiation Strategies, Contracts, Tax Strategies, Business Entity Formation, and Copyright/Trademark Protection and Use. Tickets for the series were sponsored by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Truist.



Poet Laureate Celebrates Black History with Local Wordsmiths

The Office of the Prince George's County Poet Laureate celebrated Black History Month with the second installment of its new series: From a Poet's Point of View. This session, led by Prince George's County Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy, featured Brenda Bunting, Seth Washington, and Diane Wilbon Parks. Following their performances, each guest poet spoke to Sistah Joy about what inspires their creativity. Engaged audience members added to the program's success by participating in the Open Mic portion of the event.

Creative Placemaking Highlight

Prince George County Artist Celebrates Saint Patrick's Day With a Local Spin! Prince George's County-based dance scholar and choreographer Kate Spanos, Ph.D., is part of a collaborative project in which she explores the rhythmic and percussive connections between music and dance from Ireland and northeastern Brazil. Kate and her collaborators recently offered a virtual performance featuring the dance and musical styles and facilitated a discussion with Georgetown University Music Department students in a class on 'Music in the Context of the Pandemic'. The performance also features Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council's very own Program Manager Pablo Regis de Oliveira playing the Cavaco, or Brazilian ukulele.

View the Video of the Performance Below!



Learn How You Can Support Local Artists and Arts Organizations!





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









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