October 2021 Newsletter



National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is a coast-to-coast collective celebration of culture in America. Each year since 1993, NAHM has helped give millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and has encouraged them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation.

Lord Cultural Resources Tours Prince George's County

As a part of the Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study, the research



consultant team from Lord Cultural **Resources toured Prince George's** County's artistic hotspots. Lead by Prince George's Arts and Humanities and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the tour included visits to The Hotel at UMD, Arts'tination, Red Dirt Studios, Otis Street Lofts, and M-NCPPC sites including Harmony Hall. During the visits, the research team engaged with artists and local arts organization leaders learning more intimately how impactful the arts and culture sector are in the County. Stay tuned for the final report on the findings from the Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study.



Public Art Projects

Community Based Mural Project: Green Meadows Shopping Center

PGAHC has had the opportunity to lead the execution of the Community Based Mural Project located in the Green Meadows Shopping Center. The intent of this mural is to represent the surrounding community and demonstrate artistic excellence with community participation. This mural was designed and painted by Prince George's County Artist, Juan Pineda.







Sis's Tavern

A key component of the Sis' Tavern Restoration Project is the addition of an exterior mural. The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council partnered with North Brentwood to install a mural on the fence area surrounding Sis Tavern. This mural's intent is to attract visitors with images that portrays black entrepreneurship and cultural history in North Brentwood. The fence design for this project was done by Jimmie Drummond and the mural were painted by Jay Durrah. Both artist are based in the DMV area.



Neighborhood Grant from The Starbucks Foundation

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities has been selected as a grantee of The Starbucks Foundation Neighborhood Grants program. This grant was awarded to us based on the impactful creative pop-ups we have hosted on a monthly base at the Starbucks Community Store in Hyattsville, MD. PGAHC is honored to have been selected out of 7,000 submissions. Thanks to Starbucks Partners and The Starbucks Foundation for recognizing how we are making our communities stronger!







With your help, we can support the most critical needs of the creative community in Prince George's County. All funds will help sustain our creative community so we may all enjoy the arts and culture now and in the future.



Office Of The Poet Laureate

The Office of the Poet Laureate will host an exciting NAHM virtual literary conversation and poetry reading with some GIANTS in the literary community. We are featuring New York Times best-selling Young Adult author and poet, Jason Reynolds, who was named by the Library of Congress as the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature for 2020-2021. Our conversation will also feature Dr. Joanne Gabbin, Founder of Furious Flower Poetry Center for Black Writers, and Lauren Alleyne also from Furious Flower.

Prince George's Film Office

MOVIE NIGHT AT PGAHC'S ARTSTINATION



Oct. 14th:

"The Waiting Room - "It Takes Two and The Party". October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and what better way to bring attention to this health issue than to feature two very telling films of African American women dealing with the challenges of this often deadly disease.

Produced by Tressa Smallwood, Executive Producer - Megamind Media



Oct 28th:

"Big 50: The Delrhonda Hood Story". The story of a female drug kingpin and ganster who became one of Detroit's wealthiest and notorious women.

Produced by. Tarek "Terk" Stevens, OCTET Productions

Oct 21st:

"Gaslight" Follows the plight of a young women trying to determine what happened to her inheritance.

Produced and Directed by Harold Jackson -8 Picture House Productions

One to Watch: Shaquel Davis – Art Director/Production Designer



For this month's One to Watch we decided to bring someone from behind the scene to the forefront, Art Director and Production Designer Shaquel Davis. This up and coming Art Director and Production Designer was born and raised in Prince George's County's, Landover Maryland and he has put his artistic stamp on quite a few locally produced films, commercials and plays. Shaquel attended Duval High School where he first garnered an interest in journalism, radio, television and film. He went on to attend Full Sail University in Florida where, while pursuing a degree in Film,

discovered his passion for Art Direction, Production and Set Design. He felt that thru this creative track he could make a unique imprint on the film industry by providing an array of innovative production looks, set designs, and put some of his artistic visions in film looks. As a college undergraduate, Shaquille started early to make his mark starting as a Carpenter and Scenic, working two feature films "Monsters @ Large" and "Robo Dog Air Born". Shaquel said that experience as enable him to implement some Sci-Fi visions.

Upon graduation, Shaquel returned to Prince George's County where he established his company, SD Design, LLC. He has been busy working on a multitude of feature films including "Sinner's Wanted", "Love by Chance", "A Question of Faith", "Awakening", Megamind Media/BET Her's "The Waiting Room and The Couch", "Holiday Heartbreak", and "A Rich Christmas". He also dabbles in providing creative looks for plays like the Evangel Cathedrals 25th Anniversary Christmas Play and the First Baptist 100 year Anniversary Play. His commercial Art Direction credits include Comcast's "LaJoy Project", and Facebook's "Resilient Wings". He is very excited about the fact that the film industry is growing in Prince George's County. Its' continued growth is what is keeping him busy and grounded in his hometown. Shaquel say "As the film industry grows here, so does SD Design, and so be on the lookout for Shaquel Davis, Art Director and Production Designer... truly "One to Watch".









Access to New Affordable Voucher Program.





COMMUNITY VOUCHER PROGRAM

This program will accept applications on a rolling bases until funds are exhausted.

PGCC CPA Community Voucher Program is a partnership established by the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council (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 nonprofit organizations and artists affordable options for staging performances at PGCC CPA.

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) Award: 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

Please apply here: https://www.pgahc.org/grants



Record Round of FY21 Community Grants Awards!

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council awarded a record number of 43 grants totaling \$200,013 for it FY21 Community Grants Program! We received a record number of requests this year, nearly \$500,000 (\$483,731), more than our FY20 Community Grants and Emergency Relief Fund grant requests combined! Artist Fellowships had a 70% increase.

Highlights

- 60% of Artist Fellowships awards were made to first time grantees in this category!
- Grants were awarded in every District in the County and in every creative discipline.
- New Public Art grant category awarded planning grants to four municipalities,

and an organization serving multiple districts and communities throughout the County.

FY2021 Grant Awardees

PGAHC's celebration of NAHM will include the following events:

- Oct. 10th: Art Activation at Upper Marlboro Inaugural Happy Leaf Arts Festival
- Oct. 11th: Re-Broadcast of Colombian Dance Performance
- Oct. 14th: Movie Night @ Arts'tination: 'The Waiting Room'
- Oct. 15th: Live Latin Jazz featuring Federico Peña at Arts'tination
- Oct. 16th: Art Healing Workshop facilitated by Sherri Lumpkin at Arts'tination
- Oct. 16th: NAHM Virtual Forum hosted by Office of the Poet Laureate
- Oct. 16th: Virtual Masterclass with Sunny Hostin in collaboration with the Iota Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
- Oct. 21st: Virtual Creative Community Conversations
- Oct. 21st: Movie Night @ Arts'tination: 'Gaslight'
- Oct. 23rd: Mud Cloth Painting Workshop facilitated by Karen Arrington at Arts'tination
- Oct. 24th: Social Media for Artists Workshop facilitated by Kia Kelliebrew at Artstination
- Oct. 28th: Movie Night @ Arts'tination: 'Big 50: The Delrhonda Hood Story'
- Oct. 30th: "Voces" Latino Literary Forum w/Dialect of Prince George's at Arts'tination

Information and registration for all events are available atwww.pgahc.eventbrite.com.

Arts News

CAAPA Hosts Auditions for the 2022-2023 Season!

The Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA) will hold auditions for their 2022-2023 season on November 8th. Auditions will begin at 11am and will take place both in person and virtually. Opera singers, orchestral instrumentalists, dancers, musical



theater performers, and performers of other genres are encouraged to send a link of your talent, biography and headshot to audition@4caapa.org. Need more details? Call CAAPA at 301-839-1444 for more information.





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