

Creative WE STAND



Message from our CEO & Chief Curator

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is celebrating 40 years! On behalf of PGAHC, I want to thank you for your continued support and commitment to the Council. These past 40 years have given us plenty of reasons to celebrate. PGAHC has played a substantial role in advancing the arts in the County, and we are proud of its achievements. For the next 40 years, we will continue to work hard to increase access to creative arts and expand art opportunities throughout the County.

We invite you to celebrate PGAHC's 40th anniversary in community with us!

Rhonda Dallas
CEO and Chief Curator
PGAHC

**How We're Celebrating 40
Years!**

BSU Does Broadway: An Unforgettable Experience!

Our first Signature Event, BSU Does Broadway was a hit! PGAHC, in partnership with Bowie State University, brought attendees, including 45 BSU students, to New York City for an immersive theater experience to see MJ: The Musical, starring current BSU student Myles Frost as Michael Jackson himself.



Frost's stellar performance as Jackson captivated the audience for the entire 2.5 hour show, earning him a standing ovation (or three), and a rousing Bowie State University cheer from our entourage of BSU students, alumni, and Prince George's County residents! **#GiveMylestheTony!**

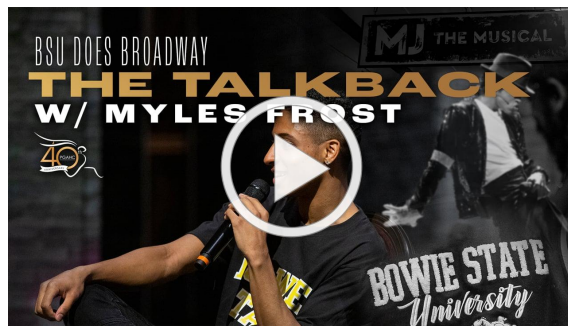
At the exclusive talkback after the show, our CEO Rhonda Dallas presented Myles with a Proclamation from County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks, dedicating March 27th as 'Myles Frost Day' in Prince George's County.



Our guests, along with BSU's Performing and Fine Arts students, then transitioned to Victor's Cafe, for heavy hors d'oeuvres and conversation. Myles took photos with our honored guests, and, in a touching moment, even engaged in conversation with George Faison, Tony Award-winning choreographer for *The Wiz*. Truly an experience we will talk about all year long!

We are grateful to our sponsors Insurance Solutions Associates, Willow Oaks (MD) The Links Inc., and Brenda Mackle for their support of this wonderful opportunity to bring the arts to a wider audience.





View the exclusive talkback conversation with Myles!

Festival of Literacy Arts (FOLA) is on the way!



Curated by PGAHC's Office of the Poet Laureate and in celebration of National Poetry Month, the 2022 Festival of Literary Arts is purposed to support the cultural life of Prince George's County by celebrating rich literary culture, engaging readers, supporting poets, writers and literary scholars, facilitating conversations, and inspiring the next generation through great literature and poetry.

This online lively three-day event highlights the vibrant literary arts scene in Prince George's County with an array of literary talent in a series of events that include author readings, panel discussions, forums and much more!

DAY 1: A COLLABORATIVE LITERARY ARTS FORUM

Fri., April 22, 2022 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EDT

We will introduce attendees to the Furious Flower Poetry Center (FFPC), the nation's first academic center established for Black poetry. Learn about FFPC's history, tools, programs, and resources, to support creative writers, literary and cultural scholars, and poetry lovers everywhere.

Additionally, we will explore Bowie State University's resources and course offerings for students interested in the university's literary arts program!



DAY 2: HEALTH & HEALING THROUGH POETRY & ART

Sat., April 23, 2022 | 1:00 - 3:00 PM EDT

Join in on this lively discourse on ways to engage members of communities in crisis, especially youth and young adults, on the merits of poetry and creative expression to address the physical and psychological trauma-related issues of grief, loss, depression, fear, and anger.



DAY 3: BOOKS FOR BLACK YOUTH: ENSURING A BRIGHT FUTURE

Sun., April 24, 2022 | 3:00 - 4:30 PM EDT

In this closing event, conversation will be mostly directed towards parents and educators of young children, with a specific focus on helping young children to not only learn to read but to become life-long readers, a trait that often dictates an individual's success level in life.



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Celebrate National Poetry Month @ Arts'tination with Poet Laureate Sistah Joy

Join us for open mic poetry, discussions, book signings and more, each Wednesday in April from 6-7pm (4/13, 4/20, 4/27)!

This Month at Arts'tination



Japanese Accordion Book Walk-In Workshop

Sat. April 10, 2022
2 PM



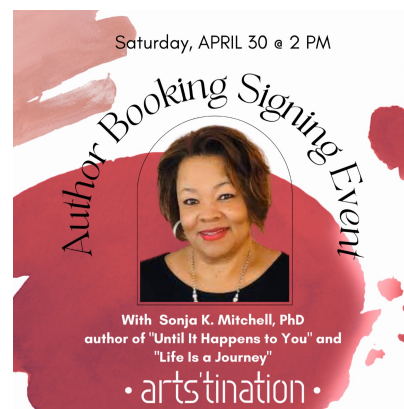
Cherry Blossom Window Installation Unveiling + Reception

Sat. April 23, 2022
8 PM



Mother's Day Card Workshop with Artist Michel Jeter

Sat. April 30, 2022
1 PM



Book Signing and Meet & Greet with Author Sonja Mitchell, PhD

Sat. April 30, 2022
2 PM

The Pebble Pop-Up Branch Library Is Coming to Arts'tination

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) will open the "Pebble Pop-up Library", a new self-service pop-up library at Arts'tination National Harbor in collaboration with the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council. This pop-up library will contain a collection of 400+ books, with a focus on fine and performing arts for children, arts entrepreneurship books for adults, and more.



Beginning in Spring 2022, PGCMLS and PGAHC will co-present select programs for children, teens, and adults at Arts'tination, in addition to PGAHC's cultural programs. Joint programs will be announced in the coming weeks. These events will include book discussions, art workshops, literary events, storytimes, and more.

"Pebble Pop-up Library" will be open to the public on April 30th and will operate during regular Arts'tination hours, Wednesday-Sunday, 1-6pm.

Art In Public Places

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Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council Brings Public Art to the New Hyattsville Branch Library

The County's Art In Public Places program, managed by Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council, debuted two commissioned public artworks at the new Hyattsville Branch Library on March 30, 2022. These artworks, created by Prince George's County artists Valerie Theberge (Mount Rainier) and Curtis Woody (Upper Marlboro), will enhance the identity of the new library and celebrate the rich history of the Hyattsville community.

This highly anticipated new library continues PGCMLS' track record of building award-winning sustainable, modern, and welcoming branches that serve as hubs for the community. PGAHC's commissioned public art advances this track record by placing intentional use of art to shape the physical, social and economic future of the Hyattsville Library Branch.

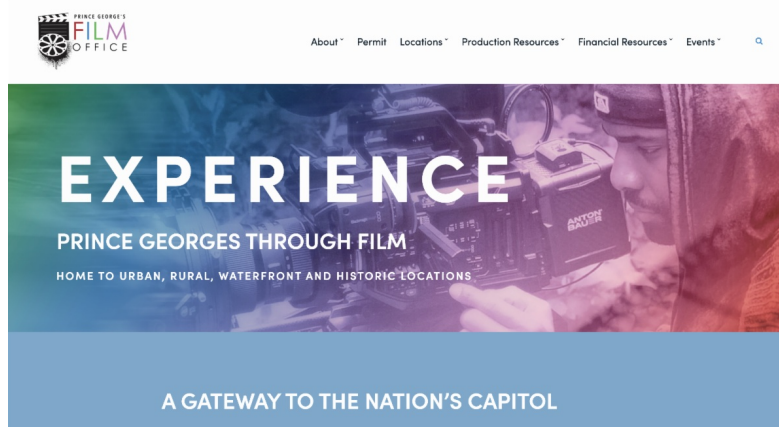


This Month at the Prince George's Film Office

Prince's George's Film Office Launches New Website

We are proud to announce a new Prince George's Film Office website launching April 15. The new site features Reel Scout, a robust platform allowing users to search for locations, register a location, register production services, search for production resources, crews and other talent, and apply for a film permit.

Visitors can also view who's filming in Prince George's County, get information on events, workshops, and casting calls. Stay tuned for more information about the new website in the coming week.



Look Who's Filming in Prince George's County

For the third year in a row, Executive Producer Tressa Smallwood and Megamind Media returned to Prince George's County to film four original short films for *BET HER* Health Initiatives. The films focus on two important health issues— breast cancer and mental health, which continue to impact African American women and their families.

The films provide an opportunity for women to showcase their talent in front of and behind the camera. This year's films are being directed by another handpicked group of women who are normally in front of the camera acting; **Megan Good** (Harlem), **Naturi Naughton** (Power), **Tichina Arnold** (Martin) and **LisaRaye McCoy** (The Family Business).



“The Couch” Premieres during Minority Mental Health Month on BET HER, July 9 @ 10pm

“Behind the Smile” – Naturi Naughton, Director | “Thin Like Me” – Megan Good, Director

“The Waiting Room” premieres during Breast Cancer Awareness Month BET Her on Oct 8 @ 10pm

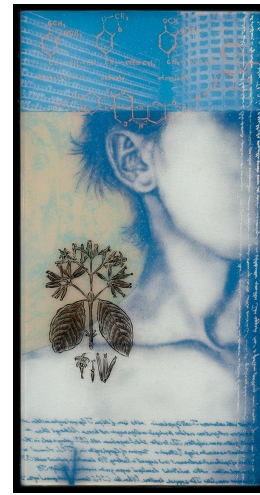
“Oh Baby Baby”- Tichina Arnold, Director | “The Pink Fight” – LisaRaye McCoy, Director

Museum of Glass Acquires and Exhibits Works by Gateway Art District's Washington Glass School Directors

Sculptures by each of the Washington Glass School Directors—Tim Tate, Erwin Timmers and Michael Janis—were acquired for the permanent collection of the Tacoma **Museum of Glass** (MOG).

The artworks by the Washington Glass School artists will be part of a yearlong exhibit **Boundless Curiosity: A Journey with Robert Minkoff**, which opened April 2, 2022.

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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).

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