

2011 RISING STAR

\$5,000 PERFORMING ARTIST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Open to individual performing artists, ages 18-35, currently or previously living, working, performing regularly, or receiving training in Howard County, MD.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Howard County Arts Council is a private, non-profit organization serving the public of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists, and arts organizations. The Arts Council established the Rising Star Award in 2003 to provide opportunities for emerging performing artists with roots in Howard County and to assist them in the development and practice of their art. The goals of the Rising Star Award are to:

- Encourage professional development in the performing arts in all disciplines.
- Recognize individual achievement in the performing arts.
- Support performing artists with strong ties to Howard County, Maryland.
- Provide an individual artist award for professional development.
- Provide a venue for artists through a performance showcase of award finalists at the Arts Council's annual *Celebration of the Arts in Howard County* benefit gala.

Selected applicants will be auditioned using the review process and criteria outlined in this application. A maximum of ten performing artists working in a variety of disciplines will be selected as award finalists.

Finalists will be given the opportunity to sit for a complimentary professional commercial photography session with **David Hobby**, a former *Baltimore Sun* photographer who now shoots all over the world and administers the website www.strobist.com. Samples from past years are shown to the right.



Each finalist will perform one piece at the Arts Council's annual benefit gala, ***Celebration of the Arts in Howard County***. The event audience – artists, arts patrons, business and political representatives, and other community members – will then vote to select their choice for the Rising Star Performing Artist Award. Additional awards may be given depending on the amount of funding raised from the event. Votes will be tallied during the event and the award winner will be announced **on stage!**

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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Office Hours:
Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 5 PM

**LARGE PRINT COPIES:
410-313-2787**

TIMELINE

- August 2010 Applications available
- Oct. 1, 2010 Early Application Deadline – NO FEE**
- Nov. 1, 2010 Deadline to submit application - \$10 FEE**
- Dec. 12, 2010 Auditions
- Jan. 3, 2010 Latest announcement of Finalists
- Mar. 26, 2011 Finalists perform at the Arts Council's *Celebration of the Arts*, 6–10 PM at Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center in Columbia, MD; award recipients are selected and announced. (Required: Tech-in evening of 24th or 25th and rehearsals during the day of the 26th)

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be an individual performing artist* (no groups) working in any performance discipline.
- Have currently or previously lived, worked, performed regularly, or received training in Howard County.
- Be between ages 18 and 35 at both the time of application and the final event March 26, 2011.
- Be available for auditions in December in Howard County (or provide an audition VIDEO or DVD – audio recordings will not be accepted) and be able to perform in Columbia, MD on March 26 (only finalists will participate in the Celebration Event).
- Submit a \$10 non-refundable application fee. Fee waived for early applications postmarked on or before Oct. 1.
- Agree that if selected to receive the award, they will provide the Arts Council with a brief 1-year follow-up statement regarding the impact of the award.

All Rising Star finalists for the preceding year are ineligible to apply for the current year's award. All other finalists and previous applicants may apply. Previous \$5,000 Rising Star Award recipients are ineligible.

Please note: finalists will be required to submit proof of eligibility and other requirements outlined in this application. Failure to meet these requirements or proof of falsification of any application materials will result in disqualification. The Review Panel may elect to move forward a runner-up.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact the Howard County Arts Council at 410-313-2787.

DEADLINE

Submit the signed application, requested support materials, and, if applicable, \$10 application fee (payable to Howard County Arts Council) postmarked or hand delivered by **4 PM November 1st**. No fax or email submissions will be accepted.

REVIEW PROCESS

There will be a four-step review process:

1. The Celebration Performance Committee will review and evaluate applications, and select applicants to audition for slots as finalists.
2. Discipline Review Panels will audition selected applicants and recommend finalists. Applicants will be auditioned by panels made up of professionals working in the discipline in which they are applying.
3. The Celebration Performance Committee will use the recommendations of the Discipline Review Panels to select up to ten finalists to perform at the *Celebration of the Arts*.
4. The *Celebration of the Arts* audience will select, by popular vote, an award recipient based on individual performances at the event.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Artistic Excellence:

- Artistic Expression
- Choice of Material
- Level of Difficulty
- Technical Ability
- Presentation (preparation and polish)

Audience Appeal:

- Stage Presence and Charisma
- Material will resonate with Celebration audiences

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified in writing by January 3, 2010 as to the disposition of their application.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Award check/s will be sent to the recipient approximately two to four weeks after the Celebration.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Only complete applications will be considered. Incomplete, conditional, or otherwise unclear applications may be rejected without evaluation.

- **Support materials must be typewritten or word processed.** Handwritten materials, other than the application form, will not be accepted. Please use paperclips to attach materials; do not staple.
- Do not send materials other than those required.
- All application materials must be postmarked or hand-delivered by **4 PM November 1**. No late, incomplete, faxed, or emailed applications will be accepted.

Howard County Arts Council reserves the right to extend the deadline and/or re-open the application process if an insufficient quantity or quality of applications are received. Decisions of the Review Panels, Performance Committee, Howard County Arts Council, and *Celebration of the Arts* audience are final. Howard County Arts Council is not obligated to provide a re-count of audience votes and/or explanations of any decisions. Submission of an application constitutes an understanding and agreement of the conditions set forth in these guidelines.

**For purposes of the award, "an individual performing artist" is defined as one who can stand alone in an onstage performance with no more than one accompanist or partner. Accompanied or partnered applicants must be clearly featured for more than 50% of the performance time.*

APPLICATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

WWW.HOCOARTS.ORG

HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL RISING STAR PERFORMING ARTIST AWARD

APPLICATION

DUE NOVEMBER 1, 2010

1. Applicant Name: _____
2. Applicant Address: _____

3. Telephone: _____ Email: _____
4. Date of Birth: _____ (for eligibility purposes only)
5. Check below the discipline in which you work and identify your specific genre or instrument (*this will assist us in assigning reviewers*). **Check only one.** Please note you will be expected to audition in the discipline you select. Your audition piece must not exceed **3 minutes**. If selected as a finalist for the Celebration, you will perform the same piece you auditioned. **Please keep in mind when choosing your material, the Rising Star Award is determined by popular vote.**
 - Vocal Music/Musical Theatre:** Genre or other information: _____
 - Instrumental Music:** Genre and/or instrument: _____
 - Dance:** Genre and/or other information: _____
 - Theatre:** Genre and/or other information: _____
 - Other:** Identify/Explain: _____
6. Include the following supporting information with your application:
 - a. A **brief (maximum 100 words)** bio including your Howard County connection, involvement in the performing arts, future artistic goals, and how this award will assist you in your career. If selected as a finalist, the bio submitted will be included in the Celebration event program and may be edited for length.
 - b. A current resume or CV (no more than two (2) pages).
 - c. An 8X10 hard copy of a current high resolution 300 DPI head shot to be used for PR purposes. Your face should be the only focus of the photograph. Head shot will be printed in event program if selected as one of the 10 finalists.
7. If applying after October 1: include your \$10 non-refundable application fee made payable to the Howard County Arts Council.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Application materials will not be returned.

Do not send materials other than those required.

Additional items will not be included in the review process and will not be returned.

I certify that the information in this application and all related attachments is true and accurate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

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