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Thanks to your generosity, the Arts Council creates an environment where the arts thrive and our community has access to rich, engaging arts experiences. Each year, with your help, we impact the lives of thousands of people in our community through a wide variety of creative arts programs and services. We appreciate all that you do to support our efforts and are delighted to share our annual report for fiscal year 2018 with you.

We are extremely proud of the programs and services we offer both on-site and community-wide. Our home, the Howard County Center for the Arts, is a dynamic, impactful community venue and has been the county's home to discover, create, and experience the arts since 1984. Our innovative classes, exhibits, and studio opportunities are widely known and admired for stimulating creativity, conversation, and connections. Our vibrant gallery program draws local and regional artists as well as art enthusiasts from all over the metro area. The creative, diverse group of studio artists and arts groups that present, practice, and make artwork within our walls creates an exciting, dynamic space for people to explore the arts. And, our year-round educational programs engage students of all ages and abilities in hands-on activities. Last year, 34,000 visitors explored our galleries, attended classes, and enjoyed performances in our community black box theatre.

Our on-site programs are complemented by our community-based programs. Our grant programs provide much-needed operating and project funds to eligible applicants. And, our outreach programs, such as Paint It! Ellicott City, ARTsites, and Head StART in ART, an artist-in-education program for pre-K children from low income families—provide fun new ways to experience the arts.

Last year, we:

- Awarded 60 grants to local and regional arts organizations and county PTAs totaling nearly \$600,000.
- Secured and awarded nearly \$70,000 to individual artists in the form of scholarships, grants, honoraria, and awards.
- Recognized exemplary contributions to the arts through Howie Awards to touring, screen, and Broadway actor Ric Ryder (Outstanding Artist); St. John's Lane Elementary art teacher Tolly Rumbaugh Peddicord (Outstanding Arts Educator); co-founder of Little Patuxent Review Mike Clark (Outstanding Supporter of the Arts); and Arts Council Executive Director Coleen West (Leadership in the Arts Award).
- Partnered with The Howard Hughes Corporation to pilot the Merriweather District Artist-in-Residence program featuring mixed media artist Hoesy Corona and experimental animation and film artist Eric Dyer of the Baltimore/Washington area, and Sophia Brous, an international performance artist working in New York and Melbourne, Australia.
- Led a group of community leaders on a listening tour with the directors and board presidents of 10 organizations to gather ideas on how to advance the arts and build a more connected, creative community.

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Julie Hughes Jenkins,
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HCAC summer campers (HCAC photos)



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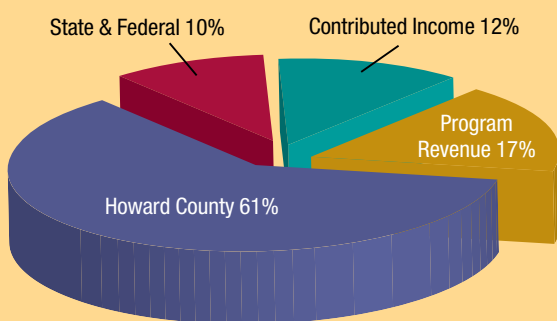
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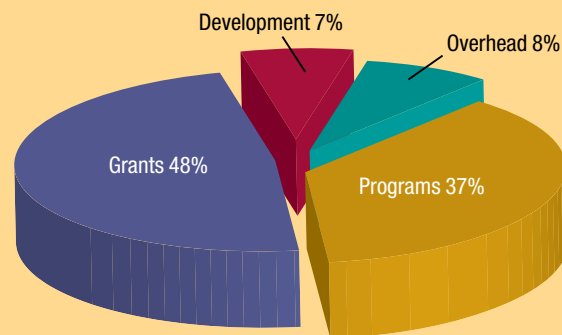
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Financial Overview: FY18 Revenue & Expenses (unaudited)



Revenue
Total: \$1,368,926



Expenses
Total: \$1,340,383

Audited financial statements for the Howard County Arts Council are prepared by Jones, Maresca & McQuade in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards. A complete statement is available upon request.

Activities

at the Howard County Center for the Arts

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Exhibits

Paint It! Ellicott City 2017

July 10–August 11, 2017

An annual *en plein air* painting event and exhibit involving juried artists shown in the gallery and open community artists shown in the lobby. Presented in partnership with Howard County Tourism, the Historic Ellicott City Partnership, Howard County Public Schools, and Mat About You Framing & Gallery.

Uncontained

July 10–August 11, 2017

An exhibit influenced by environmental catastrophes featuring Lisa Moren's marbled papers created from pigment collected during BP's Deepwater Horizon oil spill alongside Io Palmer's sculptural and installation work made with a variety of everyday materials transformed into intricate surfaces, inspired by aerial images of recent uncontrolled oil spills.

Selections from The Rouse Company | The Howard Hughes Corporation Art Collection

September 1–October 13, 2017

In honor of Columbia's 50th birthday, a special exhibit celebrating the pivotal role the arts have had in advancing the ideals of Columbia and inspiring the community, featuring select artwork from The Rouse Company | The Howard Hughes Corporation Art Collection.

Parsing

September 1–October 13, 2017

Collage work by artists from the Eyesplice Collective, including Ellen Mueller, Megan Hildebrandt, Magnolia Laurie, Cynthia Mason, Sarah Kelly, Sarah Nicole Phillips, and Lauren Howard.

Art Howard County

November 3–December 15, 2017

A biennial, juried exhibit showcasing artists who live, work, or study in Howard County. Juror: Thomas Engleman, Gallery Director and Professor of Visual Arts at Howard Community College.

Chroma

November 3–December 15, 2017

Colorful abstracted landscapes by Sabine Carlson paired with Bob Mathews' vibrant, unsettling portraits of his 'imaginary friends.'

HoCo Open 2018

January 12–February 23, 2018

This annual salon-style, non-juried exhibit featured artwork dropped off within a two-hour period by 113 Howard County artists working in all media.

Everyday Relics

January 12–February 23, 2018

Mixed media pigment ink transfer images by Charles Bowers and abstract mixed media paintings inspired by Byzantine artifacts by Pamela Crockett.

Youth Art Month: Drawing to Understand

March 8–April 9, 2018

An exhibit showcasing artwork in a variety of media and styles by more than 400 K-12 students inspired by the title theme, *Drawing to Understand*.

Part of an ongoing partnership between the Howard County Arts Council and the Howard County Public School System in celebration of Youth Art Month.

No Boundaries

March 8–April 9, 2018

An exhibit of artwork by teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Presented in partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks, Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services and Cedar Lane School.

Resident Visual Artists Exhibit 2018

May 4–June 22, 2018

New work in a range of media by HCAC's resident visual artists—James Adkins, Stanley Agbontaen, Joan Bevelaqua, Myungsook Ryu Kim, Art Landerman, Diana Marta, Brendan Nass, Joyce Ritter, Jereme Scott, Alice St. Germain-Gray, Andrei Trach, Jamie Travers, Mary Jo Tydlacka, and David Zuccarini.

Surface and Structure

May 4–June 22, 2018

Mixed-media works by Sooo-z Mastropietro and Chloe Irla, incorporating a variety of textures and textiles.

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Glasses with Eyes by an unknown artist, from *Selections from The Rouse Company | The Howard Hughes Corporation Art Collection*, an exhibit commemorating Columbia's 50th birthday (HCAC photo)

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Alice St. Germain-Gray

Andrei Trach

Jamie Travers

Mary Jo Tydlacka

David Zuccarini

Resident Arts Organizations

Ballet Mobile, Inc.

Columbia Orchestra

Heralds of Hope Theatre Company

(through January 2018)

Arts Advancement Organizations

Baltimore Bead Society

Baltimore Watercolor Society

Black Eyed Susan Button Club

Embroiderers' Guild of America,

Constellation Chapter

Howard County Music Teachers Association

The Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore

Black Box Theatre Presenters

Ballet Conservatoire

Ballet Mobile

The Build Haiti Foundation

Columbia Bands

Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts

Columbia Chamber Ballet

Columbia Orchestra

Drama Rocks!

Get Your Joy in the Morning!

Head Start

Howard County Music Teachers Association

Hua Sha Dance Company

Kinetics Dance Theatre

Little Apple Daycare

No Boundaries

Opus Concert Theatre

Schoolhouse Theater Arts

Thunderous Productions

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- Expanded our social media presence with increased activities through ARTbuzz, our monthly e-newsletter, Facebook, and Twitter and saw tremendous growth in the number of arts events promoted through our online arts calendar.
- Mounted 12 exciting, original exhibits that featured 269 artists and 423 K-12 students.
- Organized a four-day plein air event in historic Ellicott City featuring 90 artists and hundreds of spectators.
- Placed 12 new temporary outdoor sculptures at community sites countywide.
- Provided affordable rehearsal, performance, and studio space for 45 artists and arts groups.
- Presented Fabulous 50+ Players musical theatre outreach programs at senior and community centers countywide.
- Provided hands-on experiences in the arts to 170 children attending the Ellicott City and Old Cedar Lane Head Start Centers through our highly acclaimed Head StART in ART artist-in-education program.

All of these efforts resulted in more opportunities for artists and more opportunities for the public to engage in the arts.

In addition, the Arts Council Board updated our strategic plan and set goals for the next five years focusing on:

- **Community Arts Development:** Strengthen and broaden the position of the arts in Howard County.
- **Community Engagement:** Promote the arts to facilitate meaningful engagement.
- **Financial Sustainability:** Ensure the financial sustainability of the Arts Council.
- **Organizational Capacity:** Advance the organizational capacity of the Arts Council.
- **Programs and Services:** Support, provide, and expand access to diverse arts experiences.

We also continued our tradition of managing our financial resources wisely and ended the year—once again—in the black.

Of course, we didn't accomplish this alone...

Our deepest gratitude goes to County Executive Allan Kittleman and County Council members Calvin Ball, Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jen Terrasa, and Jon Weinstein for supporting the Arts Council through the Community Service Partnership grant of \$832,000, a 4% increase. Their investment in the arts is critical to ensure public access to the arts and to support diverse art forms in our community. Without the leadership of County Executive Kittleman and the unwavering commitment of the Council, the vital, diverse arts community we enjoy today would not exist. We thank each one of them for believing in our mission and for recognizing that public funding for the arts is an investment in the quality of life of the people who live, study, work, and play here and the businesses that grow here.

Our other fundraising efforts were strong. We received \$132,800 from the Maryland State Arts Council—another record high—thanks to Governor Hogan and our county delegation in Annapolis. Over 500 artists and guests attended the Celebration of the Arts gala, featuring the popular Rising Star competition, which raised \$107,700 to support the arts. We received major gifts from: Mary and Earl Armiger, Community Foundation of Howard County, Corporate Office Properties Trust, Sue and Buddy Emerson, the Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation, Howard Bank, Howard County General Hospital, The Howard Hughes Corporation, Elizabeth and Ken Lundeen, M&T Bank, PNC Foundation, and Wells Fargo. And, our membership roster topped 314.

Looking ahead, there is tremendous opportunity for the arts to bring people together and make a positive impact in our community. We hope you will stay involved and help us continue to enrich, heal, and inspire our community through the arts.

Sincerely,

Julie Hughes Jenkins, *Board President*
Coleen West, *Executive Director*

THE YEAR IN HEADLINES



Artist Tara Will at work during Paint It! Ellicott City 2017 (HCAC photo)

Year after flood, Ellicott City artists return
Baltimore Sun, July 2017

Artists step into the light at Paint It! Ellicott City plein air
Howard County Times, July 2017

Ellicott City's endurance shines in portraits
Howard County Times, July 2017

A year of sculpture starts now in Howard
Baltimore Sun, September 2017

Howard County artists await your visit
Howard County Times, November 2017

County artists show a straightforward approach
Baltimore Sun, November 2017

Made in Howard County
Howard County Times, February 2017

HoCo Open 2018 draws all types
Baltimore Sun, February 2018

A night of stars for the arts
Howard County Times, March 2018

Arts and awards take center stage at gala
Howard County Times, March 2018

Celebration of the Arts gala
Howard Magazine/Baltimore Sun, May 2018

Studio showcase
Howard County Times, June 2018

Self-assured subjects, emotional still lifes
Baltimore Sun, June 2018

Grant Programs

Howard County Arts Council grants are awarded based on artistic merit, ability of the applicant to carry out the project and level of service to the community. Grantees are selected through a competitive process in which applications are reviewed by a volunteer advisory panel made up of academics and artists representing a variety of disciplines. Grant award recommendations are then reviewed and approved by the HCAC Board of Directors. In FY18, HCAC awarded \$584,393 in matching grants to 50 organizations.

FY18 Artists-in-Education Grantees

Bonnie Branch MS PTA
 Burleigh Manor MS PTA
 Clarksville MS PTA
 Dayton Oaks ES PTA
 Dunloggin MS PTA
 Glenwood MS PTSA
 Hammond ES PTA
 Harper's Choice MS PTA
 Ilchester ES PTA
 Lime Kiln ES PTA
 Mount View MS PTA
 Patuxent Valley MS PTA
 Talbott Springs ES PTA
 Thunder Hill ES PTA
 Wilde Lake MS PTA

FY18 Baltimore City Arts & Cultural Grantees

American Visionary Art Museum
 Baltimore Museum of Art
 Baltimore Museum of Industry
 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
 Center Stage Associates, Inc.
 Maryland Historical Society
 Maryland Science Center
 Maryland Zoological Society, Inc.
 National Aquarium, Inc.
 Port Discovery Children's Museum
 The Walters Art Museum

FY18 Outreach Howard Grantees

American Visionary Art Museum
 Baltimore Museum of Industry
 Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
 Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
 Maryland Science Center
 Maryland Zoological Society, Inc.
 Port Discovery Children's Museum

FY18 Community Arts Development Grantees

Candlelight Concert Society
 Columbia Bands
 Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
 Columbia Festival
 Columbia Orchestra
 Columbia Pro Cantare

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
 Glen Mar United Methodist Church
 HopeWorks of Howard County
 Howard County Chinese School
 Howard County Concert Orchestra
 Howard County Poetry and Literature Society
 Kinetics Dance Theatre
 Little Patuxent Review
 ManneqART
 Misako Ballet Company
 Red Branch Theatre Company
 Rep Stage
 ShowTime Singers
 Silhouette Stages
 Sundays at Three
 Vantage House

FY18 Jim Rouse Theatre Subsidy

Columbia Festival
 Columbia Orchestra
 Columbia Pro Cantare
 Kinetics Dance Theatre
 Misako Ballet Company

FY18 Mark Ryder Original Choreography Grant

Nancy Flores

FY18 Committee on Grants

Mary Kay Kenney, Chair
 Kimberly Eney
 Sandra French
 Jordana Guzman
 Larry Siegel

FY18 Artistic Review Panel

Nicole Paterson, Chair
 Harold Burgess
 Barbara Kellner
 Ryan Knapp
 Christina McCleary
 Gayla Phillips
 Amy Poff
 Joan Spicknall
 Iantha Tucker

The Arts Council's grant program is supported through grants from the Howard County government and the Maryland State Arts Council as well as through our own foundation, corporate, and individual giving initiatives.

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Frances Motyca Dawson of Columbia Pro Cantare accepts a Community Arts Development grant award from Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman and Howard County Council Chair Mary Kay Sigaty at the FY2018 Annual Meeting and Grant Awards Ceremony on September 15, 2017. Also pictured: HCAC Executive Director Coleen West (HCAC photo).