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Dear Arts Council members and friends,

From one year to the next, arts and culture shapes the people of Howard County and our stories, communities, and histories. Looking back on the past year, we celebrate the achievements of our local artists and the 80+ arts and culture groups we support through the generosity of County residents — knowing their work will serve as a catalyst for creativity and a source of inspiration for generations to come.

Each year, with your help, we impact the lives of thousands in our community through a wide variety of programs and services. We appreciate all that you do to support our mission and are delighted to share our annual report for fiscal year 2024 with you.

Last year, with your support, we:

- Awarded 60 grants to 50 local and regional arts organizations and K-12 PTAs totaling nearly \$650,000
- Provided over \$130,000 to individual artists in the form of scholarships, grants, contracts, and honoraria
- Welcomed 30,300 visitors to the Howard County Center for the Arts to explore our galleries, attend classes, or enjoy a performance in our community black box theatre
- Mounted 13 original exhibits that featured 193 artists and 350 K-12 students
- Provided affordable rehearsal, performance, and studio space for 65 artists and arts groups
- Recognized exemplary contributions to the arts through Howie Awards to visual artist, Lee Andersen (Outstanding Artist); Burleigh Manor Middle School Choral Instructor, Rebecca Elpus, (Outstanding Arts Educator); arts advocates, Malynda and Rich Madzel, (Outstanding Community Supporters of the Arts); and Centennial Lane Elementary School Director of Bands, Frank J. Owens (Legacy in the Arts)
- Expanded our social media presence and opportunities for artists through our monthly Artists Opportunities and Community Arts Up Close eblasts
- Saw steady growth in the number of arts events promoted through our online arts calendar as a result of our community outreach and tabling events
- Organized a four-day plein air event in historic Ellicott City featuring 27 juried artists, 42 community artists, and hundreds of spectators
- Placed 12 new temporary outdoor sculptures at community sites countywide
- Presented Fabulous 50+ Players musical theatre outreach programs at senior and community centers

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Adam Stull, President



Coleen West, Executive Director

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The Howard County Arts Council enriches and uplifts our communities by advancing the arts, artists, and arts organizations for the benefit of all.



(L-R): Summer campers with their creations (HCAC photo); 2023 Rising Star Ching-Yi Lin (photo: Katie Simmons-Barth); Juried Artist, Oleg Shvets at work during Paint It! Ellicott City 2024 (photo: Ray Urena)



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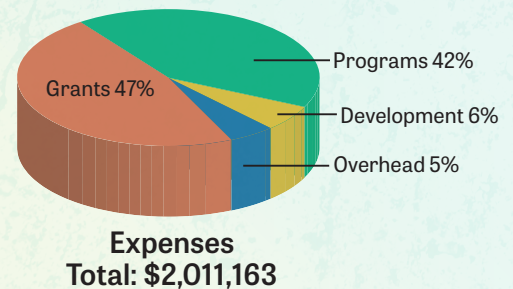
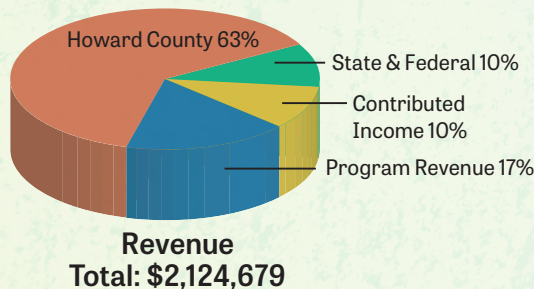
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Lee Andersen, recipient of the 2023 Howie Award for Outstanding Artist with Ryan Rager, HCAC Board Treasurer (photo: Katie Simmons-Barth)

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- Provided creative arts experiences to 80 children attending the Ellicott City Head Start Center through our highly acclaimed Head StART in ART artist-in-education program
- And, continued our tradition of managing our financial resources wisely, ending the year in the black.

This past year, the Arts Council also began work on several initiatives identified as priorities in our new strategic plan, we:

- Launched IAM Creativity, our first merit-based grant program for individual artists
- Contracted with a web developer to design our new logo and new website, which should go live in the next few months
- Hired a consultant to undertake the county-wide arts and cultural plan
- Partnered with the County to initiate Arts For All, a \$1.5 million public art program to place up to four works of public art at County-owned sites
- Collaborated with the County and HoCoPoLitSo to launch the Howard County Poet Laureate and Youth Poet Laureate initiatives
- And, worked with the AAPI Commission, Roving Radish, Michael Graves, and the County on plans to transform the Historic Courthouse in Ellicott City into an arts and cultural center.

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

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

Our deepest gratitude goes to County Executive Calvin Ball and Council members Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Mercer Rigby, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann for supporting the Arts Council through our record \$1,191,000 Community Service Partnership grant. This grant is critical to ensuring public access to diverse art forms and without the leadership of County Executive Ball and the unwavering commitment of the Council the vibrant 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 and businesses that call Howard County home.

Our other fundraising efforts were strong. We received a record County Arts Development grant of \$214,704 from the Maryland State Arts Council – thanks to Governor Wes Moore and our county delegation in Annapolis. We were awarded a \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support the arts and cultural plan. The Celebration of the Arts gala, featuring the popular Rising Star competition, raised \$109,000. We received major gifts from: COPT Defense Properties, Ellen Flynn Giles & Ronald H. Giles, the Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation, The Howard Hughes Corporation, Elizabeth & Ken Lundeen, M&T Bank, The Reis Foundation, and SECU. And our membership roster topped 348.

Inside this report we recognize our donors — THANK YOU! Please know it is your participation and support that sustains the arts in our community. Looking ahead, your continued commitment is key to realizing the full potential of our arts and cultural communities and establishing Howard County as a beacon for the creative sector in the region.

Adam Stull, Board President

Coleen West, Executive Director

ACTIVITIES

at the Howard County Center for the Arts

Exhibits

in•flux

August 18-September 30, 2023

Dynamic abstract artworks by Kwame Kena (Bronx, NY) & Paul Santoleri (Media, PA) explore surface, shape, texture, and line and invited viewers to engage with the ephemeral and the permanent.

illumine

August 18-September 30, 2023

Leslie Nolan (Herndon, VA) gave voice and color to concealed emotions and Chantal Zakari (Watertown, MA) explored academia, equity, and power to uncover hidden layers of privilege. Together, their work illuminated the external and internal, the systemic and personal.

Art HoCo 2023

October 13-November 18, 2023

A biennial, multi-media juried exhibit showcased the impressive depth of artistic talent right here in our community. Juror: Nicole Buckingham Kern.

Shadows of the Almighty

October 13-November 18, 2023

Large figure and portrait drawings by Alpha Massaquoi Jr. (Baltimore, MD) and Afrofuturistic paintings by Rrcky (Baltimore, MD) explored Black beauty and the Black experience.

Juried Holiday Maker Mart

November 28-December 3, 2023

A holiday event where visitors and guests explored a world of unique hand-made wares and connected with artisans, found meaningful gifts, and embraced the magic of the season.

HoCo Open 2024

December 16, 2023-February 3, 2024

Annual salon-style, non-juried exhibit of multi-media artwork by the first 100 artists who applied and lived, worked, or studied in Howard County.



The Sun by Soekhyoung Park from Boundless (photo: courtesy of artist)

Urbex

December 16, 2023-February 3, 2024

Paintings by Greg McLemore (Baltimore, MD) explored the tragic, mysterious, and comical aspects of city life. Juxtaposed with photographs by Michael Hower (Harrisburg, PA) that focused on the loneliness and decay of abandoned prisons and graffiti.

Youth Art Month: My Life, My Story: Narrative in Art

February 16-March 30, 2024

A salon-style exhibit featuring hundreds of works in a variety of media by grade K-12 Howard County Public School System students. Presented in partnership with HCPSS Fine Arts Office.

No Boundaries: The Artistic Spectrum: Diverse Expressions

February 16-March 30, 2024

An annual exhibit of mixed media work by artists with developmental disabilities. Presented in partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks Office of Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services.

Resident Visual Artist Exhibit 2024

April 12-May 26, 2024

New work in a range of styles and media by HCAC's Resident artists: Phill Branch, 2023-24 Emerging Studio Artist Kassamira Carter-Howard, Sherry Jankiewicz, Myungsook Ryu Kim, Diana Marta, Joyce J. Ritter, Lisa Scarbath, Jereme Scott, Asma Ahmed Shikoh, Andrei Trach, Jamie Travers, Mary Jo Tydlacka, and David Zuccarini.

Unfolding: Dualities

April 12-May 26, 2024

Sculpture by Jeff Repko (Pittsburgh, PA) combine traditional sculpting methods with modern fabrication techniques to create a sense of wonder through playful, toy-like designs. Paintings by John Chang (Pasadena, CA) explored making and unmaking meaning by combining images and calligraphic forms in this age of digital communication.

Paint It! Ellicott City 2024

June 10-August 3, 2024

An exhibit of artwork created en plein air by 28 juried artists during the annual paint-out in historic Ellicott City, MD. Juror: Abigail Faye McBride.

Boundless

June 10-August 3, 2024

Mixed-media artists Christine Lee Tyler (Rockville, MD) and Sookkyung Park (Laurel, MD) explored themes of mortality and human emotion through complex compositions and intricate paper sculptures.

Exhibits Committee

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Resident Artists

Phill Branch
Kassamira Carter-Howard
Sara Engel
Andres Gomez
Sherry Jankiewicz
Myungsook Ryu Kim
Diana Marta
Lisa Scarbath
Jereme Scott
Asma Shikoh
Andrei Trach
Jamie Travers
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David Zuccarini

Resident Arts Organizations

Ballet Mobile
Columbia Orchestra
Columbia Pro Cantare
Howard County Arts Council

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
Maryland Winds
Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore

Black Box Theatre Presenters

Aimrec Enterprise
Bach to Rock
Ballet with Cindee
Beracah Music Foundation
Byers Dance Institute
Columbia Bands
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
Columbia Orchestra
Dance Connections
Dr. Hyejin Kim Music Studio

Ellicott City Head Start
GS Studio
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Howard County Music Teachers Association
Howard County Recreation & Parks
Howard County Summer Theatre
Ian Cruz
Jayamangala
Haerin Jee
Sungmee Ju
Kinetics Dance Theatre
Lahan Music Theatre
Insun Lee
Minjin Lee
Lumina Theatre Company
Maryland Professional Photographers Association
Julie Park
Schoolhouse Theatre Arts
Laurel Sheehan
The Irie Movement
Thumak Dance Company
Thunderous Productions



Hannah Gaze by Alpha Massaquoi, Jr, from Shadows of the Almighty (HCAC Photo)

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 FY24, HCAC awarded grants, totaling \$647,563 to arts organizations.

FY24 Artists-in-Education Grantees

Burleigh Manor MS PTA
Clarksville MS PTA
Dunloggin MS PTA
Elkridge Landing MS PTA
Ellicott Mills MS PTA
Glenwood MS PTA
Hammond MS PTA
Homewood Center
Lake Elkhorn MS PTA
Lime Kiln MS PTA
Patuxent Valley MS PTA
Running Brook ES PTA
Talbot Springs ES PTA

FY24 Baltimore City Arts & Cultural Grantees

American Visionary Art Museum
Baltimore Center Stage
Baltimore Museum of Art
Baltimore Museum of Industry
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Maryland Center for History and Culture
Maryland Science Center
Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
National Aquarium
Port Discovery Children's Museum
The Walters Art Museum

FY24 Outreach Howard Grantees

American Visionary Art Museum
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
Maryland Science Center
Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
Port Discovery Children's Museum

FY24 Community Arts Development Grantees

Blossoms of Hope
Chamber Music Maryland (formerly Candlelight Concert Society)
Columbia Bands
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
Columbia Festival of the Arts
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 Odyssey
Howard County Poetry and Literature Society
Howard County Summer Theatre
Kinetics Dance Theatre



A group of FY24 CAD Grant recipients with Coleen West, HCAC Executive Director; Dr. Calvin Ball, Howard County Executive; Adam Stull, HCAC Board President; Jessica Feldmark, Maryland State Delegate; Pam Lanham Guzzone, Maryland State Delegate; Dr. Clarence Lam, Maryland State Senator. (HCAC Photo)

Little Patuxent Review
ManneqART
Maryland Winds
Misako Ballet Company
Muslim Family Center
ShowTime Singers
Silhouette Stages
Sundays at Three
Winter Growth

FY24 Jim Rouse Theatre Subsidy Grantee

Columbia Orchestra
Columbia Pro Cantare
Howard County Chinese School
Kinetics Dance Theatre
Misako Ballet Company

FY24 Creative Howard Grantee

Coral Reef Encounter

FY24 Mark Ryder Original Choreography Grantee

Roman Mykyta

FY24 Committee on Grants

Jordana Guzman, Co-Chair
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FY24 Artistic Review Panel

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