



Dear Arts Council friends and members,

It is with great pleasure that we present our fiscal year 2025 Annual Report. As you will discover, there is always something exciting and creative happening at the Arts Council – and it all happens thanks to your support.

Over the past year our work has centered on the transition to our new home in the former Courthouse in historic Ellicott City, community engagement, and the delivery of our outstanding programs and services. Nearly 60,000 people came through our doors to visit our galleries, attend classes, and enjoy performances in our community black box theatre at the Howard County Center for the Arts. And we launched a new website with a new look and improved functionality while maintaining popular features like our comprehensive on-line county-wide arts calendar. Be sure to browse the site, check out the events calendar, and help us spread the word about the arts in Howard County.

These accomplishments, and the others highlighted in this report, would not be possible without our partners and friends. For 44 years we have worked with Howard County government to foster a vibrant and diverse arts community. In FY25 we received a \$1,237,840 Community Service Partnership grant from the County – a record high. We are incredibly grateful for the County’s tremendous support and for the vision and leadership of County Executive Calvin Ball and the unwavering commitment of Council members Opel Jones, Deb Jung, Christiana Mercer Rigby, Liz Walsh, and David Yungmann for recognizing that public funding for the arts is an investment in the quality of life of the people and businesses that grow here.

We received a \$216,800 Community Arts Development grant – also an all-time high – and a \$300,000 Capital Arts grant from the Maryland State Arts Council thanks to Governor Wes Moore and our county delegation in Annapolis.

Our friend-and-fundraising efforts were strong this year. More than 500 artists and guests attended the Celebration of the Arts Gala and raised \$111,400 to support the arts. We received major gifts from: The Altscher Family, COPT Defense Properties, Ellen and Ronald Giles, The Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation, Howard Hughes Properties, Elizabeth and Ken Lundeen, M&T Bank, The Reis Foundation, and SECU. We’re also pleased to report that our membership roster topped 340.

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PHOTO: American Jow Ga Lion
Dance Team performs at Celebration
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PHOTO: Terry N. Eberhardt (left), Celebration Emcee, presents Angelina Lim with the 2024 Rising Star Award (photo by Katie Simmons-Barth)

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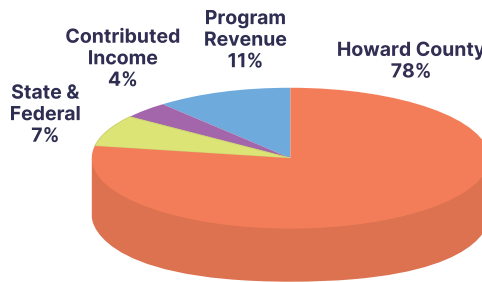
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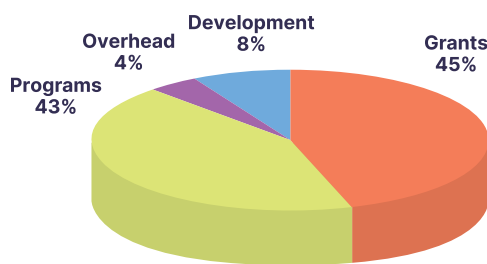


PHOTO: Two campers work on a project at Summer Art Camp 2025 (HoCo Arts photo)

**FINANCIAL OVERVIEW:
 FY25 REVENUE & EXPENSES
 (unaudited)**



REVENUE TOTAL: \$3,527,477



EXPENSES TOTAL: \$2,144,632

Jones Maresca & McQuade in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards. A complete statement is available upon request.

Note: FY25 revenue includes a \$1.5 million Arts for All grant that will be paid out over the next three years.

PHOTO: North corner building and monument signage rendering (courtesy of Michael Graves Architecture)

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July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

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Connected Places

August 23 – September 28, 2024

Featuring multimedia installations by Sylvia Eken (South Hadley, MD) and Sarah Smith (Baltimore, MD) that seek communal, cultural, and intellectual impact alongside the challenges of integration.

Compulsory Measures

August 23 – September 28, 2024

In response to a culture saturated with devices that distance, digitize and disembodify, the artists in Compulsory Measures embraced repetition and ritual as mindful strategies to ascertain meaning. Featuring work by Jorge Benitez (Richmond, VA), Kristy Deetz (DePere, WI), Al Denyer (Salt Lake City, UT), Joan Elliott (Richmond, VA), Reni Gower (Mechanicsville, VA), Steven Pearson (Mechanicsburg, PA), Jennifer Printz (Miami, FL), and Tanja Softic (Richmond, VA), curated by Reni Gower.

Art Maryland 2024

October 11 – November 16, 2024

A biennial juried exhibit, Art Maryland 2024 is a premier showcase for regional artists. Juror: Dr. Kevin Terval, the Eddie C. and C. Sylvia Brown Chief Curator at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

A Closer Look

October 11 – November 16, 2024

Artists Travis Childers (Fairfax, VA), Jim Doran (Baltimore, MD), Gemma Guiomard (Camp LeJeune, NC), and Emily Tironi (Cambridge, NY) playfully explored themes of human nature, societal norms, and identity through small-scale artworks.

Juried Holiday Maker Mart

November 23 - December 5, 2024

A holiday event where 11 local juried artists converged to showcase their handcrafted treasures.

Chroma

December 13 – February 1, 2025

An exhibit featuring mixed media works by Cheri Glover (Columbia, MD), Josef Keyes (College Park, MD), and LUSMERLIN (Columbia, MD).

HoCo Open 2025

December 13 – February 1, 2025

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.

In Full Bloom

February 14 – March 30, 2025

An invitational exhibit in collaboration with Blossoms of Hope's Countywide Art Show to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Artists created and displayed art based on the theme of pink and white blossoms in a county-wide art show held throughout Howard County during March 2025.

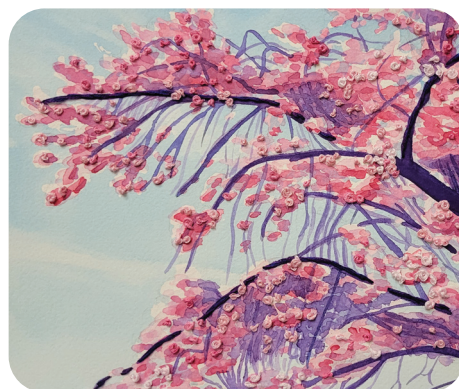


PHOTO: Cascading Blossoms by Charlotte Mann Lee from In Full Bloom (courtesy of artist)

Youth Art Month 2025 – Art/WORK: Demystifying the Artistic Practice

February 14 – March 30, 2025

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

The Light Ekphrastic: Creative Spark

April 11 – May 25, 2025

Curated by founder and editor Jenny O'Grady (Lutherville, MD) and Melissa Penley Cormier (Baltimore, MD), this exhibit celebrated the completion of over 50 issues of The Light Ekphrastic and featured works by artists who have contributed over the years.

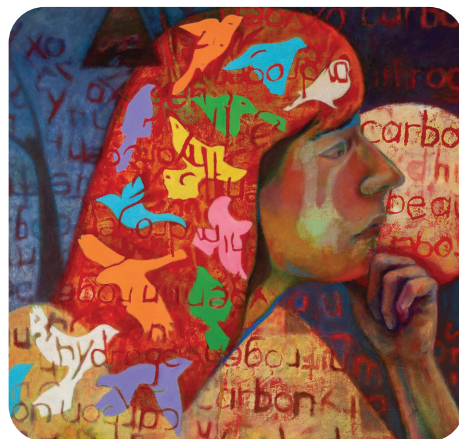


PHOTO: Navigating Tendrils by Gina Pierleoni from The Light Ekphrastic: Creative Spark (photo courtesy of The Light Ekphrastic)

Resident Visual Artist Exhibit 2025

April 11 – May 25, 2025

Annual Resident Visual Artists Exhibit showcasing new artwork by artists with studios at the Center for the Arts: Phill Branch, 2024-2025 Emerging Studio Artist Cheri Glover, Sherry Jankiewicz, Myungsook Ryu Kim, Jillian Roper, Lisa Scarbath, Jereme Scott, Andrei Trach, Jamie Travers, Mary Jo Tydlacka, and David Zuccarini.

Paint It! Ellicott City 2025

June 9 – August 2, 2025

Paint It! Ellicott City 2025 showcased artwork created by 27 juried artists during our annual plein air paint-out in Ellicott City's historic district. Juror: Crystal Moll.



PHOTO: A Paint It! Ellicott City 2025 artist at work (HoCo Arts photo)

No Boundaries: Unrestricted Artistry

June 9 – August 2, 2025

This annual exhibit showcased work by youth and adult artists with developmental disabilities. Presented in partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks Department of Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services.

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CENTER COMMITTEE

Julie Hughes Jenkins, Co-Chair
Muriel Mitchell, Co-Chair
Denée Bar
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Elladean Brigham
Ellen Flynn Giles
Nicole Scarborough
Jereme Scott
Casey Simpson
Debra Stepp

Miles Warren
Coleen West
Colin Quinn, *non-voting*

RESIDENT ARTISTS

Esteban Benson (from November 2024)
Phill Branch
Sara Engel (through August 2024)
Cheri Glover
Andres Gomez (through February 2025)
Sherry Jankiewicz
Myungsook Ryu Kim
Diana Marta (through April 2025)
Jillian Roper
Lisa Scarbath
Jereme Scott
Asma Shikoh (through September 2024)
Andrei Trach
Jamie Travers
Mary Jo Tydlacka
David Zuccarini

RESIDENT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Ballet Mobile Inc.
Columbia Orchestra
Columbia Pro Cantare

ARTS ADVANCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Baltimore Bead Society
Maryland Professional Photographers Association
Maryland Winds
The Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore

BLACK BOX THEATRE PRESENTERS

Aimrec Enterprise
Akademy Funktion
Bach to Rock
Ballet Mobile
BCV Dance Center
Bend It Like Bollywood
Beracah Music Foundation
Phill Branch
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
Columbia Pro Cantare
Dance Foundation of Maryland
Dr. Hyejin Kim Music Studio
Ellicott City Head Start
Friends of Kumdo
GS Studio
Howard County Recreation & Parks (No Boundaries)
Jayamangala
Julie Park
Lumina Theatre Company
Maryland Professional Photographers Association
NK Dance Services
Precision Dance Studio
Schoolhouse Theater Arts
Sujin Lim
Thumak Dance Company
Thunderous Productions, Inc.

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Last year with your support we also:

- Announced our inaugural Youth Poet Laureate, Mai-Ahn Nguyen, a student at Oakland Mills High School.
- Awarded 74 operating and project grants to arts organizations and K-12 PTAs – totaling \$687,800 – and provided \$150,000 to individual artists in the form of scholarships, grants, fees, and honorariums.
- Recognized exemplary contributions to the arts through the Howie Awards to four individuals for their significant impact on the arts in our community:
 - Fahimeh Vahdat, a visual artist (Outstanding Artist)
 - Rebecca Clark, Centennial High School Dance Director (Outstanding Arts Educator)
 - Holly Gudelsky Stone, arts advocate and philanthropist (Outstanding Arts Supporter)
 - Deborah White-Bondhus, piano and music theory instructor (Legacy in the Arts Award)
- Presented Fabulous 50+ Players musical theatre outreach programs at senior and community centers.
- Provided creative arts experiences to 80 children attending the Ellicott City Head Start Center through our Head START in ART artist-in-education program.
- Launched two strategic initiatives to advance the arts county-wide:
 - An 18-month planning and engagement process to develop a new master plan for arts and culture.
 - A \$1.5 million public art initiative to commission public art at county-owned facilities to create inspiring public spaces. The new Elkridge Community and 50+ Center was the first site selected to participate in the program.
- Ended the year in a solid financial position.



PHOTO: Holly Gudelsky Stone (left), 2024 Outstanding Community Supporter of the Arts Howie Honoree, and Becky Smith, SECU (photo by Katie Simmons-Barth)

These efforts resulted in more opportunities for artists, more opportunities for the public to engage in the arts, and helped fuel the creative potential in our community. But we didn't do this alone – these opportunities were made possible through the support of our partners and friends.

Inside this report we recognize our donors – THANK YOU! Each year with your help we provide a wide variety of creative arts programs that impact the lives of thousands of people in our community. Your continued support is key to offering more opportunities and realizing the full potential of the arts in Howard County.

Looking ahead, we hope you will stay involved and support our efforts to enrich, inspire, and transform our community through the arts.

Thank you,

Andrea Magers

Andrea Magers,
Board President

Coleen West

Coleen West,
Executive Director

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 HoCo Arts Board of Directors. In FY25 HoCo Arts awarded grants totaling \$687,800 to arts organizations and individual artists.

FY25 Artists-In-Education Grantees

Bryant Woods Elementary School PTA
Burleigh Manor Middle School PTA
Centennial Lane Elementary School PTA
Deep Run Elementary School PTA
Dunloggin Middle School PTA
Elkridge Landing Middle School PTA
Glenwood Middle School PTA
Hammond Middle School PTA
Homewood Center
Lake Elkhorn Middle School PTA
Lime Kiln Middle School PTA
Longfellow Middle School PTA
Patapsco Middle School PTA
Patuxent Valley Middle School PTA
Running Brook Elementary School PTA
Swansfield Elementary School PTA
Waterloo Elementary School PTA

FY25 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
The National Aquarium
Port Discovery Children's Museum
The Walters Art Museum

FY25 Outreach Howard Grantees

American Visionary Arts Museum
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
Maryland Center For Arts and Culture
Maryland Science Center
Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
Port Discovery Children's Museum

FY25 Community Arts Development Grantees

Blossoms of Hope
Chamber Music Maryland
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 Community College
Educational Foundation
Howard County Chinese School
Howard County Concert Odyssey
Howard County Poetry and
Literature Society
Howard County Summer Theater
Kinetics Dance Theatre
Little Patuxent Review
ManneqART
Maryland Winds
Misako Ballet Company
Movement in Music Ensemble
Muslim Family Center
ShowTime Singers
Silhouette Stages
Sundays at Three
Winter Growth

FY25 I Am Creativity Grantees – Dance

Misako Aoki
Hope Byers
Darion Smith
Misty Yackshaw

FY25 I Am Creativity Grantees – Visual Arts

Willy Conley
Jennifer Hudson
Sookkyung Park
Fahimeh Vahdat

FY25 Jim Rouse Theatre Subsidy

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

FY25 Mark Ryder Original Choreography Grantee

Susan Mann

FY25 Howard County Poet Laureate

Truth Thomas

FY25 Howard County Youth Poet Laureate

Mai-Ahn Nguyen

FY25 Committee On Grants

Jordana Guzman, *Co Chair*
Brian Liu, *Co-Chair*
Katrina Caldwell
Sandra French
Ellen Flynn-Giles
Tracey Pullo
Sabina Taj

FY25 Artistic Review Panel

Nicole Paterson, *Chair*
Mary Kay Kenney, *Vice-Chair*
Sandra Atkinson
Harold Burgess
Patrick Crossland
Diana Forbus
Catherine Goode
Mariama Law
Paul Mathews
Gayla Phillips
Amy Poff

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PHOTO: (left to right) Executive Director Coleen West, Felix Facchinne on behalf of County Executive Calvin Ball, Board Member Darlene Richeson, Howard County Poet Laureate Truth Thomas, Immediate Past Board President Adam Stull, and a group of FY25 CAD Grantees (HoCo Arts photo)

COVER PHOTO: Artwork on display as part of the HoCo Open 2025 exhibit (HoCo Arts photo)