

The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council Creative We Stand

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A Note from our Executive Director:

There are times in life in which we must stand firmly on our values and beliefs to traverse through what may seem to be an insurmountable challenge. The key is to keep moving and not become paralyzed with anxiety or fear. At this unprecedented moment, we are moving together. We are one collective with the intent and will to get through. And yes, we will get through. The philosopher Aristotle said, "*The aim of art is to represent not the outward appearance of things, but their inward significance.*" What an appropriate thought during this current pandemic crisis as I find myself contemplating more questions than answers and clinging to all that is love.



The creative community is and has always been resilient. Bob Lynch, President of American for the Arts calls us the "Arts Warriors". We will get through this gleaming with renewed inspiration enabling all of our passions and all of our artistic gifts to flourish even more. Stay encouraged. Stay at home.

Be well and continue to check PGAHC's [website](#) for COVID19 relief resources, technical support, and upcoming artists opportunities.

Creative We Stand,

Rhonda Dallas - Executive Director and Chief Curator
Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

COVID-19 RESOURCE LIST

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is dedicated to keeping the arts community well informed of all of the resources available during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Please click [here](#) for resources available to our community.

If you know of more resources that should be added to this list, please email rjreynolds@pgahc.org.



Governor Hogan's COVID-19 Response

On March 30th, Governor Larry Hogan, announced a [Stay at Home Directive](#) for all Maryland residents.

Please click [here](#) for the Hogan Administration's full response to COVID-19.



Maryland State Arts Council Actions Regarding COVID-19

Please click [here](#) to stay up to date on how the Maryland State Arts Council is supporting the arts community in Maryland.



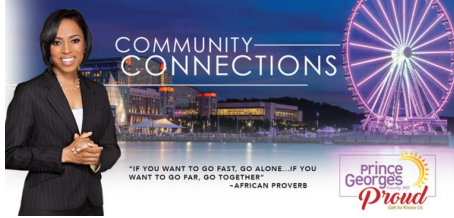
Fashion Night Out With Ruth Carter Helps Kick Off DPARK3311 Pre-Launch Celebrations

Oscar Award winning Costume Designer Ruth E. Carter recently graced Prince George's County at 'Fashion Night Out'. The event, which was hosted by Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council in partnership with Rixtar Studios highlighted Ms. Carter's work in Hollywood. The evening's festivities also served as an opportunity for attendees to get an exclusive peak at her new clothing line that she launched with H&M.

The event, which was hosted at Busboys and Poets in Hyattsville to Kick off Design Park 3311 Pre-Launch celebrations, inspired the audience which included many creative entrepreneurs. PGAHC's Executive Director, Rhonda Dallas, engaged Ms. Carter in a conversation that delved into what inspires her and how she was able to attain such success in the film industry.



Poet Laureate Reading Series Celebrates Black History at the Mall at Prince George's



Prince George's County Response to COVID-19

Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and the County government are working hard to keep residents informed on COVID-19.

Please click [here](#) for fact sheets and resources that are available to all County residents.



Americans for the Arts Resources During COVID-19

PGAHC encourages all artists and arts organizations to complete Americans For the Arts' [2020 Impact of Coronavirus on the Arts and Cultural](#) survey.

Results from the survey are being shared on the [Arts Impact Dashboard](#). This dashboard can be used to inform local and state officials about the economic impact COVID-19 is having on the art and culture sector.



Prince George's County Poet Laureate Sistah Joy partnered with the Mall at Prince George's to celebrate Black History Month with a literacy through poetry workshop. Sistah Joy was joined by Jacinda White a.k.a. 'Hope Springs' who helped facilitate the workshop which took place at the Mall's Center Court in front of Macy's.

The Black History Celebration was the second event in this year's 'Literacy through Poetry' series.

Please visit www.pgahc.org/poet-laureate to learn about future events!



PGAHC Closes Black History Month Celebrating Hidden Gems

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council was excited to close Black History Month by examining the intersections of art and history. The 'Hidden Gems: Black History through the Arts' panel discussion took place on February 29th. This panel featured Myrtis BeDolla, Kim Wallace, Ronald Moten and JuJu, and was moderated by Claudia Watts. Each panelist brought a unique perspective and left the audience inspired to learn more about how art and black history are intertwined.



Maryland Arts Day 2020 Proves to Be Instrumental in Gaining Support For Arts

Join PGAHC's #PrinceGeorgesCreates Challenge!

At PGAHC, we spend a lot of time promoting and engaging in creative expression and its healing virtues. A [study](#) published in the Journal of the American Art Therapy Association confirms that art reduces stress. Knowing this, we invite you to join us in creative expression while the nation deals with COVID-19.

Here's the Challenge: Share a sample of your work (painting, drawing, poetry, podcast, song, collage, story etc.) on social media using *#princegeorgescreates* and tag us! (IG: @PGAHC, Twitter: @pgahcart, FB: PGAHC)

You may also share a sample of your work to rjreynolds@pgahc.org so that we can share to our network!



Sector During COVID-19

The efforts of over 500 arts advocates at 2018's Maryland Arts Day resulted in a record high [2019 Maryland Arts Budget](#). \$22.7 million allocated to the Maryland State Arts Council was the largest funding level to date. Special thanks to Maryland Citizens for the Arts for their ongoing advocacy efforts. The importance of arts advocates' voices being heard loud and clear continues to this day.

Because of the economic impact of COVID-19, Maryland Arts Day has proven to be paramount in securing support for the arts sector. Through advocacy meetings with arts professionals, legislators got a first-hand account of why, especially in these times, arts' inclusion in proposed stimulus packages is so important.

The legislators listened. On March 19th, Gov. Hogan announced that Maryland received designation from the U.S. Small Business Administration for its [Economic Injury Disaster Loan \(EIDL\)](#). On March 23rd, Gov. Hogan announced a relief package with [programs](#) available to the arts sector. Finally, on March 27th, the federal government instituted a [\\$2 trillion stimulus package](#) with provisions for increasing access to Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits, many of which apply to those working in the arts sector.

PGAHC Grant Opportunities



Grants Deadline Extension

The application deadline for Artist



DPARK3311 Hosts Men's Tailoring

Fellowship Grant has been extended to April 30th. Questions about PGAHC's grants may be directed to Maleke Glee at info@pgahc.org.

Click [here](#) to review descriptions of each PGAHC Grant Opportunity.

Workshop Featuring Shaka King

Design Park 3311 kicked off its workshop series with a Men's Tailoring Workshop facilitated by world-renown designer Shaka King. DPARK3311's inaugural Designer in Residence class was joined by local creatives to learn the ins and outs of mens fashion. In addition to conversing about clothing design, King also shared his path to success and his expertise on how to scale a business.



PGAHC Grantee Highlight: Ronald Beverly, Photographer

Bowie resident and [Boxlight Studio](#) owner Ronald Beverly is a photographer who has produced work for over 25 years. He holds an M.F.A. in Photography from George Washington University and a B.F.A. in Design from Howard University. He is the Photography Professor and Program Coordinator at Howard University and has taught at Georgetown, George Washington University, Northern Virginia, and Prince Georges Community Colleges.

Throughout his career, Mr. Beverly has contributed to multiple facets of the photo industry. Much of his work has been featured in online media. He has also negotiated freelance coverage with photographers, managed daily request illustrating content with images and assisted in multimedia productions. He works completely in the digital darkroom and has embraced current digital technologies to enhance his vision.

Mr. Beverly's photography is on display at MGM National Harbor. Click the link below to learn about his commissioned work.





Location Spotlight:

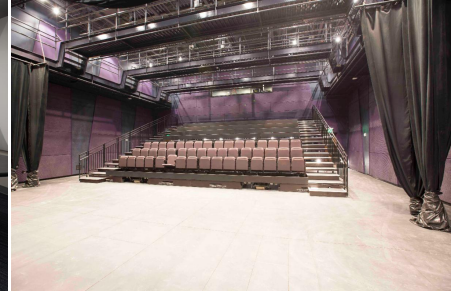
Prince George's Community College
Center for Performing Arts



Located on the campus of Prince George's Community College (PGCC) is one of the newest premier state of the art performing arts centers in the Washington Metropolitan area. PGCC's Center for Performing Arts is capable of handling your next production or film. It boasts a 759 seat Grand Theater, 304 seat Proscenium Theater and a 152 seat black box studio. The center also has music and dance recital and rehearsal halls, radio broadcast facilities, television and film studios, and editing facilities. There are also plenty of production office spaces and conference centers to handle meeting requirements.

If you are looking for a location that has everything you need for your next music, dance, film, television or theatrical production, then the Prince George's Community College Center for Performing Arts is the location for you.

The Prince George's Community College Center for Performing arts is located on the campus at 301 Largo Road, Largo, MD 2074 For more information visit pgcc.edu/arts.



Creative Stories of Resilience: Short Story by Nova Coston

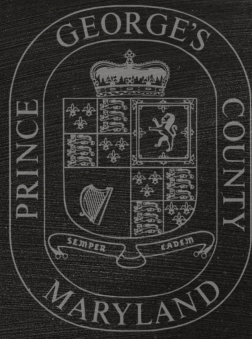
PGAHC recently started a challenge to encourage Prince Georgians to be creative during social distancing. We asked residents to participate in creative activities ranging from dancing and singing to painting and writing short stories. Below is an excerpt from a short story by Nova Coston who is a 40 year old Prince Georgian who moved to Maryland in 2008, after serving in the US Army.

"My first encounter with a horse was one in which I will never forget, it was at the end of the 2018 primaries, I was exhausted mentally and physically, and needed to do something that would take my mind off of what had consumed it for the last two years. So I packed my goddaughters and I up and went down to the farm to see the animals. However, I ended up with an encounter I will never forget. I saw a horse way across the field, he was extremely timid, but absolutely beautiful almost breath taking in way in a way. in the distance I could see his long black and white mane blowing in the wind while his tail gently sawed back and forth. His black and white coat shined as if someone poured oil on him and he stood still watching the other horses around graze."

Click [here](#) to read the full short story.

County Executive Angela Alsobrooks has announced the Prince George's County Business Relief Fund for County Businesses. This \$15M fund was established to provide financial assistance to businesses affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Relief Fund can be used to support cash operating expenses including payroll, suppliers, rent,



COVID-19 BUSINESS RELIEF FUND

fixed debt payments and other business critical cash operating costs.

Click [here](#) for more information.



NATIONAL CENSUS DAY

APRIL 1, 2020

The 2020 Census is here and you have the power to help shape how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed to your local community for years to come.

The Census can be filled out online, over the phone or by mail.

To complete your Census TODAY, visit [my2020Census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) or call 844-330-2020.

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