



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

*October 2020*

## A Note from our Executive Director:

Dear Friends,

October is National Arts and Humanities Month. Throughout this month, arts administrators, and enthusiasts from around the nation are taking time to celebrate the arts and its universal impact.

In Prince George's County, we are PROUD of our vibrant creative community that keeps us hopeful during this riveting pandemic and societal unrest. We celebrate our visual and craft artists, performers, literary artists, graphic and fashion designers, photographers, and filmmakers who personify a spirit of resilience. This month we have three specific asks:

We ask you to support our local artists, we also encourage everyone to make a special effort to nurture your inner creative self to stay uplifted.

Throughout the month, we're asking residents to participate in the **#ShowYourArt2020** social media challenge. Using the hashtag, please post something you've created and tag PGAHC (Instagram: [@PGAHC](https://www.instagram.com/pgahc), Twitter: [@PGAHCARTS](https://twitter.com/pgahcarts)). We will be sure to share!

National Arts and Humanities Month is also a time of giving. We ask that all who can, participate in the dollar-a-day donation campaign. Please view my special message below and visit [www.pgahc.org/nahm2020](http://www.pgahc.org/nahm2020) to learn more!



Creative We Stand,

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

## Cultural Arts Study Update

# Prince George's County **CULTURAL ARTS STUDY** *Art is what you make it...*



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## Join Us at the First *Virtual* Community Meeting!

Saturday  
October 24, 2020  
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

The Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study (PGCCAS) is the first comprehensive inventory and assessment of the diverse arts and culture ecology in Prince George's County. Data shows that arts, culture, and creativity have many powerful benefits across sectors. To fortify the cultural ecosystem and creative economy of Prince George's County, we first need to better understand it and what our community needs from arts and culture.

We encourage you to participate in the upcoming Virtual Community Meeting  
(Registration Closes at 12pm on Friday, Oct. 23rd)

*Click The Button Below to Register*

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### Resources

[Americans for the Arts](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Maryland State Arts Council](#)

### PGAHC in the Community



## PGAHC Databases and Forms

### Artist Bank

Are you an artist? We'd like to keep you in the loop with all that's going on in the arts world in Prince George's County! Please fill out the form below so we can let you know about events and opportunities specific to your artistic interests.

Click [here](#) to join today!

### Film Location Request Form

Prince George's County has many locations that are prime for film-making. Please fill out the form to make a request to use one of our many locations.

Please click [here](#) to fill out the location request form today!

### Film Production Resource Database

Do you provide services or resources that benefit the film community? Please join our database.

Click [here](#) to join today!

### Poet Laureate Request Form

Do you want the Prince George's County Poet Laureate to be a part of your event? Please let us know about your event by clicking [here](#).

### Virtual Event Form

Prince George's Arts and

## October is National Arts and Humanities Month!

Please join the celebration with the **#ShowYourArt2020 challenge** and a dollar-a-day donation. Your \$31 will help PGAHC elevate the visibility of arts & culture in Prince George's County by showcasing local talent, providing opportunities for arts advocacy, learning about and supporting cross-sector collaborations, and creating new avenues for arts engagement and cultural enrichment with our residents.

Help us galvanize the power of the arts to make a difference and change our lives for the better!

Click [here](#) to learn more!



### *#BowieSpeaks Neighborhood Chalk Art Project*

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council recently co-sponsored the **#BowieSpeaks** neighborhood chalk art project. Using chalk provided by PGAHC, Bowie residents were encouraged to have fun with their families and engage in conversations about ending racism and discrimination, celebrating diversity and coming together as a community.



Residents in our Council are dedicated to sharing virtual artistic experiences with our audiences. If you are an organization or individual artist hosting a virtual event, please fill out a short form so that we may add it to our calendar.

Click [here](#) to fill out the Virtual Event Form today!

## Upcoming Events



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**CULTURAL ARTS STUDY**  
*Art is what you make it.*

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Saturday  
October 24, 2020  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Oct. 24th @10am Community Meeting

Participate in first community meeting of the Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study.

Click [here](#) to register today!



THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POET LAUREATE  
PRESENTS:  
**Literacy Through Poetry**  
A MULTI-GENERATIONAL MULTI-GENRE SERIES  
VIRTUAL POET LAUREATE READING & WORKSHOP

Hosted By: **Sistah Joy** (Poet Laureate)  
Featuring: **Marisa Michel** (Featured Poet) and **Alice Plaster** (Visual Artist)

**Saturday Oct. 24, 2020**  
1:00pm

THIS FREE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL AGES AND INCLUDES A POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP. GUESTS MAY SIMPLY ATTEND/LISTEN OR REGISTER TO READ DURING THE OPEN MIC.

Scan to Participate  
Email [sistahjoy@pgaahc.org](mailto:sistahjoy@pgaahc.org) for more information

### Oct. 24th @1pm Literacy Through Poetry

Join the Prince George's County Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy as she welcomes featured poet Marisa Michel, and Visual Artist Alice Plaster for an afternoon poetry workshop.

Click [here](#) to Register!

Residents expressed their unity while drawing positive messages and art on their driveways. Participants then took pictures of their art and tagged the City of Bowie and the Bowie Arts Committee on social media using the hashtag, #BowieSpeaks.



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**PGAHC Virtual Lunch Break Series**

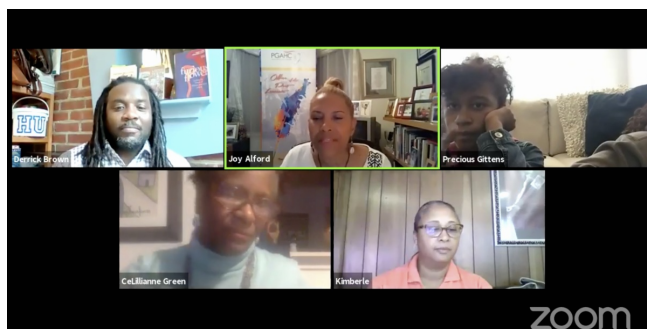
Knyves Escobar Elena & Los Fulanos

**Celebrating Hispanic Heritage & Artistry!**

### Virtual Lunch Break Celebrates Hispanic Heritage and Artistry

To close out Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 - Oct. 15, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council collaborated with National Harbor to present the work of two local musicians for a special edition of the Virtual Lunch Break Series. All are encouraged to visit PGAHC's facebook page to hear the talent of Knyves Escobar and Elena & Los Fulanos.

Click [here](#) to watch!



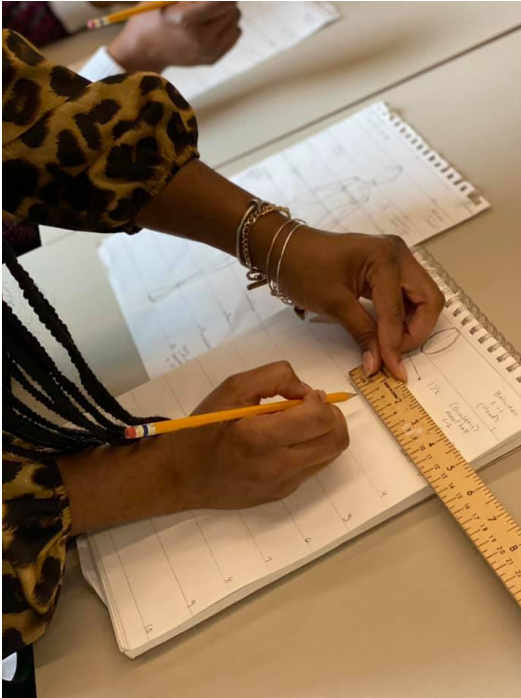
### Virtual Poetry Reading Series Continues to Inspire National Audience

The Office of the Prince George's County Poet Laureate continues to inspire with its virtual Literacy Through Poetry series. The most recent event featured poetry recitations by Poet Laureate Sistah Joy, featured poet Derrick Brown, and an art exhibition by Luther Wright. The featured

performances were followed by a poetry writing workshop and open mic segment. The next Virtual Poetry event will take place on Sat. October 24th at 1pm. Click [here](#) to register!

Please view at [facebook.com/pgahc/videos](https://facebook.com/pgahc/videos).

## Happening at DPARK3311



### Workshops Continue to Enhance Skillsets of Inaugural Designer in Residence Cohort

The Fashion Lab at DPARK3311 recently hosted a sketching workshop for the inaugural Designer in Residence cohort. The purpose of the workshop was to enhance the designers' ability to take their ideas from ideation to creation. This workshop is a part of a series led by industry leaders covering sewing machine techniques, business planning, and many other skills needed to be successful in the fashion industry.

This workshop series is sponsored by Truist.

Learn more about the Fashion Lab and DPARK3311 at [www.pgahc.org/dpark3311](http://www.pgahc.org/dpark3311).

## Prince George's County's Film Office Highlights



**One to Watch:**  
Malkia Lydia, Producer/Director  
Kuyamba Media

With a mission to create and collaborate on authentic stories about Black community life and the world we all share, Producer Director Malkia Lydia is this month's "One to Watch".



Malkia Lydia is directing and producing two documentaries currently in production. "Reunion Choir" chronicles Prince George's County resident Joyce Garret as this celebrated music teacher reconnects with her former students from the internationally acclaimed Eastern High School Choir. The documentary follows four decades of choir members as they prepare for a reunion concert. "Reunion Choir" brings us up-to-date on what the students are doing now, which many credit their teacher for setting them up for a path to success.

Malkia's other documentary, "What's in a Name" is about legacy, self-determination and intergenerational healing as experienced by the black men in one South Philly family.

She has also produced a gallery of films for Smithsonian Institution, National Civil Rights Museum, DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities, and Knight Foundation Cities Challenge exhibits. This Duke and Temple University graduate has also help preserve history as the Archival Producer on "The Literacy Project".

In her spare time, Malkia teaches film courses at American University and the Festival Center. She has also been a PGAHC Resident Artist Fellow teaching Prince George's County students the art of filmmaking.

Click an image below to learn more about each film:



**Reunion Choir**



**What's in a Name?**



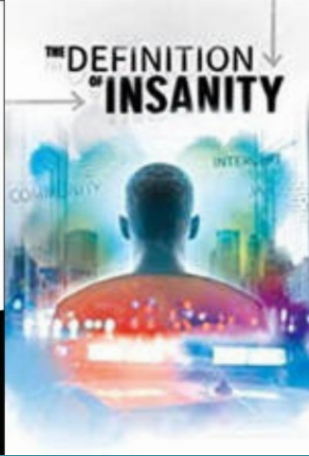
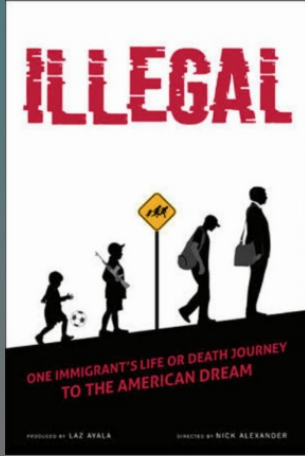
Washington, D.C. • Greenbelt, MD • October 17-26, 2020  
The 2020 Utopia Film Festival is happening!

### **Utopia Film Festival Offers Free Virtual Film Showings**

This year, the Utopia Film Festival is offering free virtual screenings for multiple films. Included in the lineup are *Illegal*, *Definition of Insanity*, *Like A Woman*, *Suppressed: The Fight to Vote*, and *Will Anyone Help Save American's Small Businesses*. Each screening will be followed by a Q&A session with the filmmakers.

Space is limited to the first 100 registrants. Click [here](#) to register for a screening today!





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