

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

September 2019

A Note from our Executive Director:

Prince George's County has had a tremendous Summer. The Prince George's County Council adopted CR-50-2019 in support of the development of a County-wide Cultural Arts Study. The study, which is a collaboration between PGAHC, and the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission, will highlight and increase County arts. In addition, the study will promote the appreciation for Prince George's County's culture and inspire deeper arts engagement in the County. We are very excited about this major step towards enhancing the arts community in the County.



Throughout our diverse County, artists and cultural pioneers work tirelessly to improve the lives of all Prince Georgians. At PGAHC, we take pride in supporting the vibrant arts community that continues to make the County an Arts'tination.

Summer 2019 also brought back artistic and musical mainstays to the County. Thousands had the opportunity to experience the mosaic of arts and cultural events in the County; Lake Arbor Jazz Festival, Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center workshops and exhibits. Summer camps hosted by Startak Chinese STEAM and the Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts provided County youth with the opportunity to be fully immersed in arts and academic programs. We are excited about what FY20 has to offer Prince George's County!

Creative We Stand,

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

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Thousands Gather at 10th Lake Arbor Jazz Festival

Thousands gathered in Bowie, MD for the 10th Lake Arbor Jazz Festival. Singers, instrumentalists and enthusiasts from around the world celebrated the culture and legacy of jazz music at what has become an iconic regional event.

Several members of the PGAHC team were present to share in the celebration and be on hand to talk about the vast cultural and artistic opportunities for families and artists in

Click [here](#) to join the PGAHC Artist Registry!

Prince George's County.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Lake Arbor Jazz Festival.

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July Poet Laureate Reading and Open Mic: Sizzlin' Summertime Sensation with Seniors

The Prince George's County Office of the Poet Laureate partnered with the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission on Friday, July 19th, to present "Sizzlin' Summertime Sensation with Seniors". The free family-friendly afternoon affair was the 6th in a series of 9 arts-based events being presented throughout the county during 2019 to engage Prince Georgians in poetry as well as cultural and literary expression. 'Sizzlin' Summertime Sensation with Seniors' featured poetry by Prince George's Poet Laureate Sistah Joy Dinahsta Thomas a.k.a. Ms. Kiane, and Youth Poetry Ambassador Leilani Clendenin (pictured). Musical selections were rendered by Djembe drummer, Doc Powell, and vocalist Christine Jenkins. Terry Tabor provided visual art for the audience to enjoy.

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



Cities Across the County to Incorporate Public Art into Transit Operations

This Summer, PGAHC in partnership with six municipalities, is launching an initiative to improve public transportation ridership through enhanced aesthetics. The objective of this pilot program is to bring unique public art designs to bus shelters around the County, which will not only enhance the everyday rider experience but also beautify and enliven the community. Each project will emphasize high quality design, civic interaction, collaborative partnerships, and the improvement of the quality of life of residents throughout Prince George's County. This project will serve as a prototype for other cities and counties throughout the United States.



STARTALK Chinese STEAM & Culture Academy Connected Students To Full Immersion Chinese Education!

On the Thursday, July 25th, the 2019 STARTALK Chinese STEAM & Culture Summer Academy presented its final performance. Students from kindergarten to 5th grade shared what they learned through daily language lessons, cultural education, STEAM activities, and field trips. Class performances included dance, rapping in Mandarin, demonstrating Chinese Yo-yo skills, and presentations on what was environmental knowledge was gained following the "Chesapeake Bay" theme.

This year's camp was presented by PGAHC made possible through a federal grant, is a three-week program integrating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) into the learning of the Chinese language and culture. The program will offer 60 elementary school students an intense but fun and engaging experience.

Click [here](#) to view photos from the camp and the final performance!



Artist Highlight: Tim Tate Exhibits 'Endless Cycle' at 2019 Venice Biennale

This year, Prince George's County based artist Tim Tate of the Washington Glass School was selected to exhibit his work at the Venice Biennale. He describes his multidimensional piece below:

The Endless Cycle
36 x 36 x 4
Glass, Aluminum, Poly-Vitro, electronics

"For every man shown here, 1000 people died last year because of gun violence. For every gun shown here, a child dies every day. A hard lesson we have to learn from Orlando...only by joining together can we hope to curtail gun violence."

The Venice Biennale dates back to 1895,



Prince George's County Poet Laureate Forges Partnership with Maryland State Poet Laureate!

Prince George's County's Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy, will collaborate with Maryland's tenth State Poet Laureate, Grace Cavaleri, to host a free teen Poetry Workshop from 1-3pm, Saturday, December 14, 2019, at the Prince George's Community College Library, 301 Largo Rd., Accokeek Hall, Largo, MD 20774. The workshop, which will include writing poetry and involve talks, prompts, and writing on the spot, is being sponsored by The Fund For The Future Of Children and The Maryland State Arts Council.

Parents and organizations may contact the Prince George's County Poet Laureate at Sistahjoy@pgahc.org to register and obtain additional information about the workshop.



FILM & DIGITAL MEDIA INDUSTRY TRENDS: SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES

The Prince George's Film Office, a PGAHC asset, enthusiastically supported Creative Edge Collaborative & Gateway CDC's 'Industry Trends in Screenwriting' workshop series. This series, led by industry experts, gave a closer look at the local industry and explored how changes in Media Technology and entertainment platforms are impacting how to approach writing a screenplay.

Learn more about resources available to the Film industry by contacting Donna Foster at donnafoster@princegeorgesfilm.org.



Prince George's Film Office Location Spotlight: Fort Washington Park

For centuries, this month's Location Spotlight, Fort Washington Park, has played a pivotal role in protecting and guarding the river

when the first International Art Exhibition was organized. Artists from around the world are invited to exhibit their work on a world stage.

Mr. Tate's work can be found at www.timtateglass.com.



NEA Grant Award Funds Local Steel Pan Organization Master Class

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded PGAHC an Arts in Education Grant that will support the addition of a local steel pan master class to PGAHC's Artist in Residency program.

The master class, facilitated by the Cultural Academy For Excellence (CAFÉ) steel pan arts education organization, will be led by musicians from Trinidad and Tobago. Students will be engaged in a 4-week program that will include a cultural exchange in addition to steel pan lessons. The session will culminate with a field trip the Trinidad and Tobago Embassy.

For more information about this master class, please contact Program Director Eileen Cave at ecaveart@aol.com.



Grantee Spotlight: Ceylon Mitchell

During National Hispanic Heritage Month 2019, flutist Ceylon Mitchell II and his acclaimed chamber music ensemble will present a concert series of Afro-Latino music at venues throughout Prince George's County, Maryland. The classical crossover performances will highlight African and Latinx cultures, demonstrating the unique development of Western-European classical flute music in the Latin American countries of Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Brazil. Each program will include the sounds of formalized Western virtuosic writing, the improvisation and complexity of distinct national musical styles, as well as the African rhythms, harmonic progressions and flowing melodies of Caribbean music.

Mr. Mitchell will kick off his tour on Sept. 19th at 7pm at the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts.

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

approach to our Nation's Capitol. This historical landmark with its authentic wartime garrisons, battle trenches, canons, barracks, rolling hills, paths and spectacular grand views of the Potomac River, Virginia and Washington DC. would make an ideal location for any production, especially one looking to reenact a battle scene or make period film. There is a 3-mile long nature path surrounding the fort, picnic areas, and locations for fishing and bird watching, all against the backdrop of the Potomac River. So if you are in search of a location with lots of history and options to bring history to life then consider this month's Location Spotlight --- Fort Washington, Park.

Fort Washington Park is located at 13551 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.



Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is calling all 18+ Singers, Musicians, Dancers, Comedians, Spoken Word Artists, and various other types of Performers! We want YOU to audition for the first Prince George's Got Talent Showcase Brunch Taking Place Oct. 27th!

Please submit audition materials by 11:59pm on September 8th via a dropbox link and attach a completed '[Talent Audition Submission](#)' form to events@pgahc.org.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please contact Brianna Holmes at events@pgahc.org to learn how to become a sponsor today!



PGAHC Board Members Host Fundraiser at Muse Paint Bar

In the first of a series of three Board Sponsored fundraising/audience building events by the PGAHC Board of Directors, PGAHC Board Members Brenda Makle and Petrella Robinson hosted a Paint and Sip for arts enthusiasts and supporters for an afternoon of painting. Attendees participated in a guided paint class in the name of arts and culture in Prince George's County.



DPARK3311 is Construction is Near Completion!

Construction on the DPARK3311 creative incubator is near completion! All that remains is outfitting the space with furniture and technology. Officially opening in October, DPARK3311 is a Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council project in collaboration with the City of Mount Rainier Department of Economic Development and Gateway CDC. The facility will feature a state of the arts recording and editing studio, fashion lab, and collaborative workspace.

Applications are open through Sept. 10th for the fashion lab Designer in Residence program. Click [here](#) to learn more and apply today!

Click [here](#) to learn more about DPARK3311.



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