



# The Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council

# Creative We Stand

*September 2020*

## A Note from our Executive Director:

Dear Friends,

Our Cultural Arts Study is underway and we're excited to include the Prince George's County arts community in its execution. Our landing page, which will offer regular updates, will be live in October. These remain unprecedented times. Our staff is steadfast in supporting our local arts community and the creative works still being realized to inspire all of us.



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 to Host Town Hall on Oct. 24th!

The Prince George's County Cultural Arts Study has announced a Town Hall meeting which will take place on **October 24th from 10am to 1pm**. The meeting, which will be held virtually from, will be the first opportunity for the public to participate in the study. The purpose of the town hall is to collect information about the impact of the arts and culture sector both economically and experientially.

The Prince George's County community is encouraged to participate.

Please click [here](#) to receive information about how to register the Town Hall on October 24th!

## Resources

[Americans for the Arts](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Maryland State Arts Council](#)

## PGAHC in the Community

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## 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

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## 2020 Open Studio Tour Virtually Highlights Gateway Arts District Artists

This year, the first ever Virtual Gateway Open Studio Tour was hosted on August 22nd. Studios from around the Gateway Arts District opened a virtual market place and presented their talent and new works. Throughout the day, attendees visited individual artist and arts collective pages as well as view the live stream featuring various artists. Click the image above to view the live stream.

Visit the link below to view this year's Open Studio Tour!

<https://www.gatewayopenstudios.org/>



## DPARK3311 Hosts Designer in Residence Classes!

The Fashion Lab at Design Park 3311 (DPARK3311) kicked off its virtual programming with a two-part sewing machine workshop. Lead by designer and tailor Michael Taylor, the workshops focused on the proper use of the Juki and Serger machines.

Click [here](#) to watch the workshops!

Humanities Council is 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!



## PGAHC Provides Creative Pop-Up at Mission of Love Back to School Event

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council had the opportunity to provide a creative pop up at the Mission of Love Charities Back to School event. PGAHC supported the event by coordinating a special steelpan performance. The event was also supported by Voter Registration and the US Census.

## Upcoming Events

### Sept. 26th @1pm Literacy Through Poetry

Join Prince George's County Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy as she welcomes featured poet Derrick Weston Brown, and Visual Artist Luther Wright for an afternoon poetry workshop.

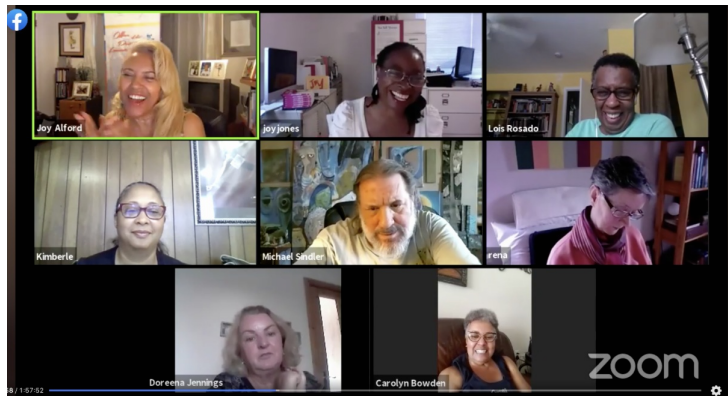
Click [here](#) to register today!

### Oct. 3rd @1pm Literacy Through Poetry

Join choreographer Chae Reid for a morning Cuban Dance Session.

Click [here](#) to Register!

## Virtual Programming Highlights



### Virtual Poetry Reading Series draws International Audience

Participants from as far as Denver, Colorado and Ireland enjoyed the most recent installment of virtual Literacy Through Poetry initiative on August 22nd. Hosted by the Office of the Prince George's County Poet Laureate, the event featured poetry recitations by Poet Laureate Sistah Joy, featured poet Joy Jones, and an art exhibition by Sofale Ellis. The featured performances were followed by a poetry writing workshop and open mic segment. The next Virtual Poetry event will take place on Sat. September 26th at 1pm.

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





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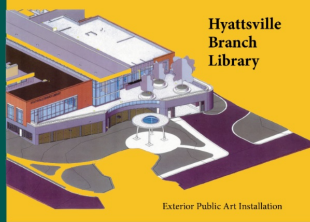
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PROJECT GENERAL INFORMATION

Located on the same lot, the new 40,000,000-square-foot building will be one story, with parking underneath, designed to maximize green space at a prominent intersection and incorporate the relocated, iconic "Flying Saucer" canopy from the previous facility that will continue to serve as a local landmark for years to come.



Hyattsville  
Branch  
Library

Exterior Public Art Installation

Designed by Grimm & Parker Architects, the library will also feature a green roof with solar panels; a dedicated children's area with drawbridge, moat and castle walls; study rooms; public meeting rooms; a tech lab and outdoor reading areas with a garden.

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- An exterior terrace installation under or near the relocated "Flying Saucer".
- An interior mural installation located in building vending cafe depicting local significance.

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Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council has announced two new Requests for Qualifications for public art opportunities. Please see the below for details on the interior and exterior installations at the Hyattsville Branch Library! Proposals for both are due by **October 12th**.

Click [here](#) to download the full Request for Qualifications for the exterior installation.

Click [here](#) to download the full Request for Qualifications for the interior installation.

Questions? Email [rdallas@pgahc.org](mailto:rdallas@pgahc.org) for more information.

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



**One to Watch:**  
Rocky McKoy  
Director & CEO, Rockabye Media



With a passion for the arts, this month's "One to Watch" is Director, Rocky McKoy. McKoy has used his creative talents to help promote inspiring filmmakers at his annual Soul4Reel Film Festival. This year, the festival celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a successful virtual platform due to Covid-19. For the past 10 years, the Soul4Reel Film Festival has not only provided a platform for filmmakers to showcase their works, but has also given back to the community by raising money for "Kids Eat Free Backpack Lunch Program". Season after season, this international film festival has grown and inspired filmmakers to challenge themselves and see where their creative ideas can take us on screen.

Rocky began his production career at UNC-TV and later went on to become one of the creative forces behind, "The Soul Factory's" TV/Production team. His unique directing

techniques caught the attention of Yolanda Adams and the legendary Chaka Khan and he was called upon to direct several of their private concert performances. He has also worked on productions with ESPN, WETA and BET.

In 2015, Rocky founded Rockabye Media, a full-service production company offering videography, editing graphic design and production management. Through Rockabye Media, Rocky has created, directed and produced videos and short films such as Orange Line Vienna, Dr. Renaissance and Unspoken. Rocky is currently promoting his YouTube series "What's Your Excuse" which focuses on the "Why" of entrepreneurs and creative people.

The Prince George's Film Office celebrates Rocky McKoy as this month's "One to Watch" because of his continued dedication to enlighten, inspire, and build the imagination of those who enjoy filmmaking.

Please click the image below to see a highlight reel of McKoy's work:



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