A Note from our Executive Director:

Dear Friends,

As we approach the holiday season, we are reminded that even in these times, we have many reasons to be grateful. Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council applauds the resilience of our local arts community. Our arts leaders remain strong, continuing to mobilize resources. Unfettered, artists have rallied around each other while remaining vigilant in their practice. Let's end 2020 with virtual hugs and a sense of peace and fortitude knowing that our greater purpose extends beyond artistic borders.

Creative We Stand,

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

Resources

- Americans for the Arts
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Maryland State Arts Council
- Maryland Humanities
- Maryland Art Place Artist Registry
- Greenbelt Arts & Culture
- Gateway Arts District of Prince George's County

Important News
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 filmmaking. 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**

Add poetry to your next event with the Prince George Office of Poet Laureate! Please let us know about your event by clicking [here](#).

**Virtual Event Form**

Prince George’s Arts and 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!

Applications for the 2nd Round of the Prince George’s Arts Community Emergency Relief Fund are now open and due by Dec. 16th. The purpose of the Prince George’s County Arts Community Emergency Relief Fund is to support the creative community during the COVID-19 pandemic. This fund will sustain the county’s arts small businesses, arts non-profits and creative professionals whose income has been impacted by COVID-19.

Visit [pgahc.submittable.com](http://pgahc.submittable.com) today to apply!

PGAHC Announces Destination Holiday Marketplace!

December 18th - 20th
10am - 5pm
165 Waterfront St.
National Harbor, MD 20745

Artisan Gifts
Handcrafted in Prince George’s County
Upcoming Events

Dec. 19th @1pm
Literacy Through Poetry

Join the Prince George's County Poet Laureate, Sistah Joy as she welcomes featured poet Ann Harding Woodworth, and Visual Artist Kimeko Robinson for an afternoon poetry workshop.

Click here to Register!

Thank you for Giving on #GivingTuesday

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Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council thanks everyone who gave so generously on #GivingTuesday.

If you still want to support the arts, it's not too late to give!

Please click here to learn how you can support arts and culture in Prince George's County.

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council is excited to announce the Destination Marketplace Holiday Marketplace at National Harbor. The pop-up marketplace will be open 10am-5pm on December 18th and will feature hand-crafted goods made by artisans from Prince George's County. Located at 165 Waterfront Street in National Harbor, MD, Destination Marketplace will follow all Prince George's County on-site COVID-19 protocols.

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council Presents:

Creative Conversations w/ PGAHC's Pablo de Oliveira

PGAHC Launches Creative Conversations to Connect with Local Artists

Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council launched its newest program, 'Creative Conversations w/ PGHAC's Pablo deOliveira' on Dec. 10th. The conversation series, which will take place twice a month, is designed to provide the arts community an opportunity to chat and share information about the arts in Prince George’s County with PGAHC Program Coordinator Pablo de Oliveira.

To participate in the next Creative Conversations event, please email pablo@pgahc.org.
Poet Laureate's Literacy Through Poetry Event Continues to Inspire

The Office of the Prince George's County Poet Laureate continues to inspire. November's edition of the highly lauded and internationally attended series featured a poetry workshop facilitated by Neville Adams. Attendees learned more about the process of creating their own poems and had the opportunity to create and present during the workshop. The workshop was followed by a session of ekphrastic poetry inspired by the art of Kia Kelliebrew.

Click [here](#) to view the November 2020 Literacy Through Poetry event.

Creative Resilience

DPARK3311 - Prince George's Fashion Destination in Mt. Rainier

The COVID-19 pandemic has not shut down the creativity of the fashion designers in the DPARK3311 Fashion Lab. Strictly following the County's protocols regarding safety and social distancing, the inaugural cohort of Designers in Residence have forged on to bring their designs from idea to wearable art.

The fashion lab has hosted several workshops (virtual and socially distanced) that have empowered each designer with skills and knowledge that will usher them into the next phases of their careers.

Be sure to be on the lookout for India Shelton of Belly the Brand, Dionne C. Clemons, Nyah Harkless of MODIA Clothing Co., and Maria Felton of House of Emma Effa. Special thanks to Maggy Francois.

Pyramid Atlantic Exhibits Over 250 Art Pieces in '10x10 Invitational'

Pyramid Atlantic's gallery is currently tiled with over 250 pieces of original artwork donated by artists who love the nonprofit art center. This exhibition-slash-fundraiser has just two rules: all work must measure 10 x 10 inches and be priced at $50.

10x10 is a great opportunity for collectors of all levels to get interesting pieces by talented artists at a remarkable price. Prints, drawings, paintings, and mixed media are on display and buyers can have instant gratification as purchased works can be taken home immediately. For the first time in this show’s 6-year history, the work is also a part of an [online gallery](#) for viewing and purchase.
Red Dirt Studios Brings Art to the Audience at 'Inside-Out Studio'

Red Dirt Studio recently hosted the 'Inside Out Studio' creating an outdoor gallery. The COVID-safe exhibit featured art around the perimeter of the studio. Attendees bundled up and were guided on a tour by, 'COVID Wranglers' who ensured that protocols were met and visitors remained socially distant.

"Red Dirt is persevering despite COVID," said Red Dirt founder Margaret Boozer. "We are still making art, but we miss showing it to you!" The work shown during the Inside Out event can still be viewed virtually.

Film Office Highlights

What's Filming in the County!

Film Production continues in Prince George's County with all productions closely following strict industry Covid 19 Safety Guidelines.

“Zeke: The Awakening”

Producer Director and Writer Ka Zarr Coleman offers a look into an apocalyptic city where desolation, faithlessness is rampant. Gang bangers and police corruption are taking over until a stranger, Zeke, burst onto the scene. Zeke fights to deliver hope, restoration, and a warning of imminent destruction if change doesn’t happen soon.
“Rich Christmas & Holiday Heartbreak”

Prince George's County's very own Filmmaker and Executive Producer Tressa Smallwood of Megamind Media is getting audiences ready for the holiday season with two holiday movies filmed right here in Prince George's County.

'Rich Christmas' is the story of a spoiled wealthy socialite sentenced to perform community service following a heist gone wrong. Her sentence is to work during holiday season at a homeless shelter built by her wealthy father. 'Rich Christmas' is currently filming through December and schedule to air in 2021.

'Holiday Heartbreak', a romantic comedy, takes a look at what happens when a hopeless romantic is cursed with relationship problems after her father mistreats the wrong woman. 'Holiday Heartbreak' stars Michael Colyar, Maryam Basir, LisaRaye McCoy, and AJ Johnson.

Be sure to tune in to watch “Holiday Heartbreak” on Black Entertainment Television (BET) December 16th at 6:00pm.

Watch the trailer for 'Holiday Heartbreak' below:
The public is encouraged to fill out study's Cultural Participation Survey which captures how the community experiences arts and culture in Prince George's County.

Want to stay engaged with the Study? Join PGAHC's Study Mailing List!

Click The Button Below to Sign Up for Our Study Mailing List

Learn How You Can Support Local Artists and Arts Organizations!