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## Charles County Arts Alliance Awards \$44,000 in Grants to Schools and Nonprofit Organizations



The CCAA FY 2018 Grant Recipient Representatives

## 13 Local Nonprofits and 6 Schools Receive Funding for FY 2018

On Saturday, November 18, 2017, the Charles County Arts Alliance awarded \$44,000 in Arts Grants to 13 local nonprofit organizations and 6 schools to support upcoming countywide cultural events. The grant award ceremony was held during the Annual Grantee and Membership Gala at the Old Waldorf School. These grants support a myriad of cultural programs and events to be held in Charles County throughout the year, such as concerts and theatrical performances, art gallery presentations, workshops and demonstrations, music competitions, international and cultural performances, and literary development.

The Arts Grant Program has been the focal point of the Arts Alliance since the volunteer nonprofit organization was founded in 1987. The purpose of the Program is to enhance the quality of cultural life for the citizens of Charles County, and help make it a more vibrant, exciting and diverse place to live. The grants are awarded on an annual competitive basis following an application process and review by the Arts Alliance Grant Committee, comprised of Board members and local citizens.

The recipients of the FY 2018 CCAA Grant Awards are:

## **Arts in Education Grants**

Archbishop Neale School Grace Christian Academy Henry E. Lackey High School J.C. Parks Elementary School La Plata High School St. Charles Children's Learning Center

## **Community Arts Development Grants**

Charles County Government - Department of
Community Services / Aging & Senior Programs
Charles County Freedom Landing
Charles County Public Library
Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
College of Southern Maryland
College of Southern Maryland Foundation
Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
Life Journeys Writers Guild
Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Music Teachers Association of Charles County
Nanjemoy Community Center
Port Tobacco Players
Steam Onward

The Arts Alliance sponsors many other programs throughout the year for local residents, such as five public gallery spaces, art boxes for elementary students, the ArtsFest annual arts festival, and its weekly free *Arts Newsflash* that keeps citizens informed of upcoming cultural events and activities. For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.