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CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE



"Joropo (Spanish Dance)" By Evans Thorne

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Dear CCAA Members and Friends,

Greetings everyone, and Happy New Year!

Yes, it's the beginning of our "new fiscal year" for the CCAA, FY 2026. Our CCAA fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30 each year. But before we look ahead to this future year, I wanted to extend sincere congratulations for all the great work that all of you accomplished this past year, FY 2025, in the performing, visual and literary arts. Your love and devotion to the arts makes Charles County a better place to live, and helps to improve our overall quality of life. THANK YOU!

Our own CCAA "grand finale" of ArtsFest 2025 was a great success, and we are so happy! It took place on Saturday, June 14, 2025, in Indian Head, and was fantastic:

- It was largest one we ever presented in our 30-year history of ArtsFests - with 75 artists/vendors filling up the entire Village Green and Pavilion. Wow.
- We also had the largest in-person attendance by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) in history - 4 MSAC officials, plus 1 official from the MD Humanities Council. These folks came to our ArtsFest from Baltimore and beyond, and they stayed all day with us, under our CCAA tent. Wow.
- And we had nonstop music by 9 groups on 2 performance stages. And a Kids Art Tent, a Featured Artist Tent, a Spark! 360-degree spinning photo-booth, great food and excellent parking! Wow.
- And despite all those dire forecasts, it didn't rain!

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to our CCAA Office Staff "dynamic duo" of Alexandria Gonzalez and Mackenzie Coulby for their excellent planning, hard work and dedication over these past months - they made ArtsFest 2025 happen. Also my huge thanks to CCAA Board members Robert Medley, Joselle Gilpin and Cindy Johnson, for so many duties and responsibilities they handled at ArtsFest, and to their family members as well that worked that day. Special thanks to the La Plata High School ROTC students for handling the parking so well. And of course, we wish to thank the Town of Indian Head for partnering with us, and allowing our use of their Village Green and Pavilion for ArtsFest. All of these individuals were essential to the success of our ArtsFest 2025, and very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

Over the summer months, the CCAA is very busy! We have FY 2025 year-end final reports to submit to county and state agencies for the grants the CCAA received this past year. In order to prepare our final reports, we must first receive the required year-end final reports from those organizations that received our own CCAA Grants this past year. **The deadline for CCAA Office receipt (not postmark) of hard-copies of all required Final Report Forms from our CCAA Grantees is NLT 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.** If you are one of our CCAA Grantees, please start working on your final report now . . . this is a firm deadline, and no extensions will be given.

Read all about it, and more in this issue of the Arts Insider.



Diane Rausch
CCAA President



CCAA ArtsFest 2025: A Record-Breaking Celebration of Creativity!

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ArtsFest 2025 was the largest one yet! We had 75 vendors and used both sides of the Indian Head Village Green this year. We also had nine talented performers taking the stage, both inside the Pavilion and under the Gazebo. The atmosphere was filled with music and energy all day long. The weather leading up to the event had us holding our breath, but to our relief, the rain stayed away and we were blessed with a sunny, beautiful day!

It was an honor and a joy to work with each vendor as we prepared for this special event. Seeing them all set up and thriving on ArtsFest day was incredibly rewarding. Their creativity and dedication brought the Village Green to life, filling every corner with color, craft, and community. This year's CCAA Welcome Tent was extra special, hosting distinguished guests from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) and Maryland Humanities Council (MHC).

We were thrilled to have welcomed Chad Buterbaugh, MSAC Deputy Director; Abby Neyenhouse, MSAC Arts Capital Program Director; Emily Sollenbergerdobbins, MSAC Program Director of Arts Services; David Mitchell, MSAC Program Director of County Arts Development; and Alexandra Cenatus, MHC Director of Programs. Their presence was a huge honor and added a meaningful connection to the broader arts community across Maryland. A truly unforgettable exhibit was experienced when Yvonne Medley, Founder/CEO of Life Journeys Writers Guild, brought Spark! to ArtsFest, complete with a 360-degree spinning photo booth that drew lots of attention and excitement.

This year, we were especially proud to showcase our CCAA shining artist, Jaden Hendricks, as our ArtsFest Featured Artist. Jaden captivated attendees by working on one of his pieces live during the event, offering a rare and inspiring look into his creative process. We were also excited to introduce two new food vendors, Galazio's and Chick-Fil-A, who brought delicious flavors to the festivities. With art, music, food, and community spirit at an all-time high, ArtsFest 2025 was a shining success and a celebration we won't soon forget.



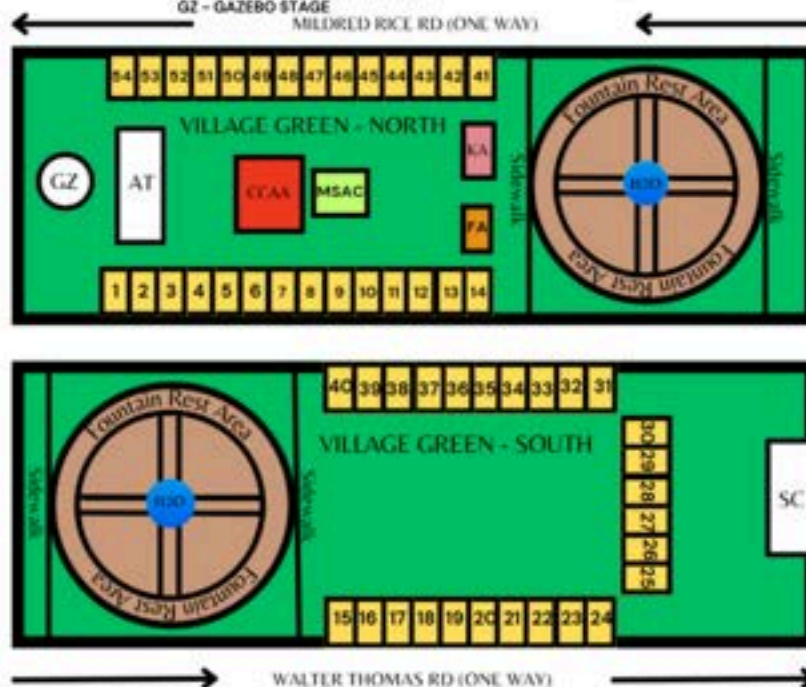
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VILLAGE GREEN

CCAA - CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE
MSAC - MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL
SC - INDIAN HEAD SENIOR CENTER
GZ - GAZEBO STAGE

FA - FEATURED ARTIST TENT
KA - KIDS ART TENT
AT - AUDIENCE TENT



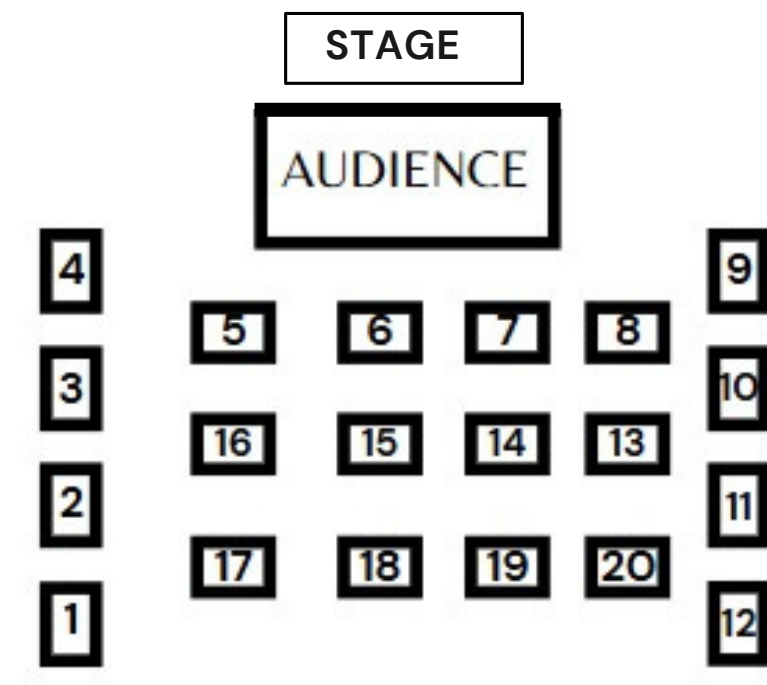
BOOTH NUMBERS

FA. Jaden Hendricks & Kim Bowie-Hendricks

1. That One Crafty Shop
2. Pop's Jewelry Shop
3. Next Dimension Origami
4. Mama Said Scrub
5. Yeduri
6. - 7. Melissa Visek
8. Pand K Rocks
9. Bernadette Catalan
10. CatCam reCollections
11. Lauren Brumbach Fine Art LLC
12. Layers! By Frannie
13. Arlene Annes Creations
14. WM Jones
15. Mackenzie Jones Arts
16. Power Home Remodeling
17. Kreative Xpressions
18. BetterMindz Market
19. Melolar Crochet
20. Real Happy Earth
21. Curtis Hand Craft Creations
22. Mary Beth Dean
23. Mattawoman Creek Art Center
24. Rhoda Pollard

25. With Love Diamond
26. Hannah Gerst
27. Cesca's Crochet + EdPrints 3D
28. Art-Sanity
29. Simply Beaded By Samantha
30. Life Journeys Writers Guild, Inc.
31. Mediterranean Basil Salt
32. Charles County Youth Orchestra
33. Shell Craft LLC
34. Jazz In The Country
35. Conservancy for Charles County
36. Zaneta P.
37. Unique Cargo
38. Aaliya & Angela Tejeda
39. Performing Arts Preparatory School
40. Dog Right Art
41. Charles County Literacy Council
42. Mirsfrost X Monae
43. Vivi23Art
44. Inspired By Love LLC
45. Nekhbet's Niche
46. Karlin Young's Books
47. MEA's Imagination
48. Callie The Creator
49. Pencil Me in Publications LLC
50. Bevy Art
51. Cozy Girl Books
52. K.D. 39 Art and Imagery
53. F&T Creative Arts LLC
54. Cedar Point Federal Credit Union

PAVILION



PAVILION TABLE NUMBERS

- 1. – 9. Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
- 10. – 12. Life Journeys Writers Guild, Inc.
- 13. Susan Boarman
- 14. Rainbow of Colors
- 15. – 16. Virginia Galang
- 17. Opening Night Productions
- 18. Vincent Arts & Crafts and Balloon Art
- 19. Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- 20. Rose-Marie Palmer

GAZEBO PERFORMANCES

- 12:00 pm: Charles County Youth Orchestra
- 1:00 pm: Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- 2:00 pm: The All Funked Up Experience
- 3:00 pm: Steve Potter Blues Band
- 4:00 pm: Shari's Music

PAVILION PERFORMANCES

- 12:30 pm: Korean American Cultural Foundation
- 1:30 pm: Lina Pastel
- 2:30 pm: Doc Stevens and Band
- 3:30 pm: The Randy Runyon Jazz Duo



CCAA Grantees! Deadline for Your Final Reports Approaching Soon

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Deadline for Your Final Reports Approaching Soon - July 22, 2025 @ 12:00 Noon

Don't Miss It!

This is a friendly reminder to our Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) Grantees for FY 2025.

Your Final Report Form is due for receipt in our CCAA Office (not postmark) by NLT 12:00 noon on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

This is a firm deadline. No extensions will be given.

Your Final Report Form is required for your FY 2025 Grant to be considered complete, and for your organization to remain in good standing for future grants from the CCAA. Please plan accordingly.

To assist you in preparing your submission, we've included links to our blank Final Report Form below:

[\[Download the Final Report Form \(PDF\)\]](#)

[\[Download the Final Report Form \(Word\)\]](#)

Reminder that your Final Report Form must be submitted as a "hard-copy" document, along with the required publicity materials indicating that proper credit was given to the CCAA for its partial financial support of your organization.

We encourage you to begin completing the Final Report Form now, to ensure you have ample time to gather all the required information - narratives, financials, publicity materials, and three (3) original signatures from your organization. **Please allow one-week for postal mailing to our CCAA Office to ensure on-time delivery - before the July 22 firm deadline.**

Thank you again for the great work you've done in Charles County this past year through the performing, visual and literary arts!

CCAA ArtsCamp 2025 In the Works

The Charles County Arts Alliance is excited to announce the return of ArtsCamp, happening August 4 – 8, 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Nanjemoy Community Center!

Designed for middle school-aged students, ArtsCamp is a weeklong, hands-on experience where campers explore their creativity through workshops in visual arts, dance, drama, and literary arts. This year's workshops will be led by local artists with deep experience in the arts and community, including:

Suzanne Donohue – Drama

Vicki Marckel-Fields – Visual Arts

Brooke Howells – Dance

Lew and Karen McIntyre – Literary Arts

ArtsCamp is presented in partnership with the Nanjemoy Community Center, and registration is now open! Visit www.charlescountyarts.org or the Charles County Recreation & Parks website to sign up today.

Spots are limited to 24 students, so don't miss this opportunity to make art, make friends, and make memories. Help us spread the word and get ready for another unforgettable summer of self-expression, learning, and fun at ArtsCamp!



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Congressman Steny H. Hoyer of Maryland's Fifth District revealed the winner of the 2025 Congressional Art Competition as Cynclair Wilson, a junior from Maurice J. McDonough High School in Charles County. Her artwork, titled "Ancestral Wisdom," will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol complex for the year—a prestigious honor for any young artist.

Wilson created the piece using gouache paint. It poignantly portrays a young Black girl with ghostly ancestral hands resting gently on her shoulders. Surrounding her are symbolic depictions of historical and generational traumas. The imagery powerfully conveys the idea of inherited strength and guidance that helps her face the future, an emotional representation of legacy and resilience.

Wilson expressed deep gratitude and humility, describing her artwork as a reflection of her identity as an African American woman and a tribute to her ancestors. She emphasized how their strength and struggles paved the way for her today, and how sharing this story offers hope for the future. Congressman Hoyer lauded her work as "profoundly moving and heartfelt," calling it both skillful and thought-provoking.

Hoyer also congratulated all participants, especially the runners-up:

- 2nd place: Natalie Grosek (Calvert High School) for "The Journey: Power and Hardships."
- 3rd place: Kendall Nosich (homeschooled, Charles County) for "Work In Progress."
- 4th place: Ryan Hatch (Leonardtwn High School) for "Internal Hardware."

Honorable mentions included Lauren Little and Aspen Ellerbe.

The Congressional Art Competition, established in 1982 and sponsored by the Congressional Institute, highlights exceptional high school artistic talent. Winners from each district, such as Wilson, receive recognition at local and national levels, with their work displayed in Capitol halls for a year, offering a platform for youth voices through visual art.





Maryland Nonprofits - Navigating the Uncertainty of Federal Funding

Federal funding has long been a lifeline for nonprofit organizations, but understanding how it actually works can be complex and overwhelming. On Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Maryland Nonprofits hosted a virtual workshop designed to unpack the federal funding system and provide nonprofits with the tools they need to navigate it successfully. This session was a great opportunity for nonprofit professionals looking to deepen their knowledge of government funding processes.

The featured speaker for this event was Rachel Werner, a recognized federal grant expert. She provided a detailed overview of how the U.S. Government collects and distributes funding, the different types of awards available to nonprofits, and what organizations must do to remain compliant after receiving funding. Attendees also learned about recent changes in federal funding under the current administration, and what that means for the nonprofit sector moving forward.

Participants left with a solid understanding of the federal grants process, along with strategies to help their organizations adapt to an evolving funding environment. Topics included how to manage awards effectively, anticipate changes in grant management, and make informed decisions that support long-term sustainability. This workshop was especially valuable during a time when many nonprofits are being asked to do more with fewer resources.

This virtual workshop was a great opportunity to gain expert insights and practical guidance from one of the top voices in federal grant management.

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

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- African American Heritage Society of Charles County
- Charles County Public Library
- Charles County Youth Orchestra
- Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
- Friends of Old Waldorf School
- Life Journeys Writers Guild
- Maryland Writers Association
- Mattawoman Creek Art Center
- Music Teachers Association of Charles County
- National Association of American African Dance Teachers
- Neighborhood Creative Arts Center
- Opening Night Productions
- Phoenix International School of the Arts
- Port Tobacco Players
- Southern Maryland Concert Band
- Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

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- Richard & Margery Coppola
- Ricky & Ellen Flowers-Fields
- Laurie & Joe Fialkowski
- Cindy Johnson
- Gale Kladitis
- Tanika & Roderick Mance
- Barbara McCarthy
- John & Mary Lou Rutherford
- John & Lucy Snell
- Pamela Vincent

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- Nikki Bradburn
- Brooke-Lynn Chapman
- Mary Evelyn Dashiell
- Jaden Hendricks
- Barbara Hufford
- Kenneth Jameson
- Dimitri Nassar
- Deirdre Pender
- Thomas Savoy
- Cathy Thompson

YOUTH

- Ada Donohue
- Mariah Harris
- Munachimso Nkemakolam
- Tobi Ojo
- Julia Pender
- Jael K. Potter
- Alex Urso



THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS!

SENIOR

- Susie Bender
- Thea Bradley
- Claire Brooks
- Toi Brooks
- Rose Burroughs
- Cheri Burch
- Carol Y. Charnock
- Carol Corbett
- Jerri Corbett
- Dorothy Crown
- Holly Dilatush
- Chris Dudley
- Cecelia Dunay
- Patricia Duncan
- Gwendolyn A. Fleming
- Florence Foster
- Richard Gilpin
- Joselle Gilpin
- Richard Gold
- Penelope Gold
- Sally Marie Goldsmith
- Doris Hall
- Sharon Hanley
- Billie Harley
- Ruth Hein
- Elvernetta Henderson
- Renée Jefferson-Copeland
- William Jones
- Rona Kelley
- Robert Kyle

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- Carlyle Lancaster
- Dorothy Lancaster
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- Lew McIntyre
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- Jill Smithson
- Richard Thompson
- Evans Thorne
- Paul Toscano
- Zsuzsanna Volkman
- John Wilson



Thank You

CCAA MEMBERSHIP FORM



The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County, MD

Show Your Support for the Arts by Joining the CCAA!

The benefits of CCAA membership last year-round:

- CCAA Arts Insider monthly E-newsletter
- CCAA Arts Newsflash weekly E-update of arts events
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most important, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

Membership Categories (check one):

- Platinum Circle - \$500 ☐
- Gold Circle - \$300 ☐
- Silver Circle - \$200 ☐
- Arts Patron - \$150 ☐
- Arts Sponsor - \$125 ☐
- Arts Activist - \$80 ☐
- Family - \$50 ☐
- Individual - \$30 ☐
- Senior (+60) - \$20 ☐
- Youth (under 18) - \$10 ☐

Business & Nonprofit:

- Corporate - \$500 ☐
- Business - \$250 ☐
- Nonprofit Organizations - \$75 ☐
- Other (Donations) _____ ☐

☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

Date Submitted:

Full Name:

Organization/
Business:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance/Audit | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative/Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Galleries | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical/IT Support |

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.

All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax - deductible.

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Master Calendar - FY 2025 Final

JULY 2024

1 CCAA FY 2025 Begins

AUGUST 2024

3 CCAA Board of Directors
Summer Retreat

5-9 ArtsCamp at Nanjemoy
Community Center

28 CCAA Grant Season Kickoff -
CAD and AIE Applications on
Website

SEPTEMBER 2024

11-15 CCAA at Charles County Fair

21 CCAA Board Meeting

OCTOBER 2024

10 CCAA CAD and AIE Grant
Applications Due

20 CCAA at 301 Derby Dames'
"Trunk or Treat"

26 CCAA Board Meeting

NOVEMBER 2024

16 CCAA Grantee and Membership
Reception - RSVP By Nov 13, 2024

21 U.S. District Courthouse/Greenbelt
Art Exhibition - Opening Reception
for Charles County Artists

23 CCAA Board Meeting

DECEMBER 2024

14 CCAA Board Meeting

Master Calendar - FY 2025 Final

JANUARY 2025

- 18** CCAA Board Winter Retreat
- 31** CCAA Scholarship Applications Due

FEBRUARY 2025

- 1** ArtsFest 2025 Early Bird Registration Open
- 22** CCAA Scholarship Panel Meeting
- 22** CCAA Board Meeting

MARCH 2025

- 1** ArtsFest 2025 Early Bird Registration Continues
- 15** CCAA Board Meeting

APRIL 2025

- 1** ArtsFest 2025 Regular Registration Opens
- 25** CCAA Board Meeting
- 26** CCAA at Celebrate La Plata Day

MAY 2025

- 16** CCAA Board Meeting
- 17** CCAA Annual Membership Meeting & Scholarship Reception
- 30** ArtsFest 2025 Registration Closes

JUNE 2025

- 12** CCAA Board Meeting and ArtsFest 2025 Final Walk-Thru at Indian Head
- 14** ArtsFest 2025 in Indian Head

CCAA SPONSORS

