January 2021

Happy New Year!

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Artwork - Winter Walk
Oil on Canvas
by CCAA Artist Sardar Aziz
Dear Members and Friends,

Best Wishes for the New Year!

Well, 2020 is gone and many would say “good riddance.” The damage to our society and to our collective health and economy have been devastating. The arts in its variety of forms and presentations has suffered from all of these. However, there has also been an unprecedented burst of creativity and new ideas.

Our organization has tried and produced several different programs in our effort to adjust to the problems created by Covid-19. We began with our Retro Galleries on Sunday and Wednesday at noon using our gallery archives. We started a Friday evening recital program and later added a new “2nd Friday Series” dealing with artists and the creation of the arts. We commenced a “Restart and Complete” grant program for those organizations who closed their down their activities last March. In November, our grant panel awarded over $40,000 for their upcoming activities from January 1st to June 30, 2021. A sponsorship program for high school virtual theater productions was instituted, along with our virtual Theater Education series which will kick off in January with the Theatre Directors’ Interactive Roundtable.

A next step in our granting process, will be to offer our non-public schools the opportunity to submit Arts in Education applications for activities held between February 1st and May 31st. Additionally, will be the continuation of our scholarship granting to one qualified graduating senior, in the arts, from each of our seven high schools and St. Mary’s Ryken (Charles County resident only). Additionally, a brand- new program being developed for 2021 is our Art Teacher of the Year Awards. More on this subject to come.

2021 will certainly have new challenges for all of us, and we hope that you and yours may have as few challenges as necessary.

Stay healthy and safe throughout the entire new year.

Sincerely,

Robert

and the Board of Directors of the Charles County Arts Alliance
The CCAA's new theatre education program has been met with a huge reception and is now at capacity. Any additional registrations will be placed on a waitlist for possible cancellations or first choice for a potential encore session.
Scholarship Applications for 2021 Are Now Available Online!

**Deadline to Apply is March 5, 2021**

The Charles County Arts Alliance offers a $1,500.00 scholarship to an outstanding graduating senior from each Charles County public high school and St. Mary’s Ryken High School (Charles County resident only) who plans to continue studying the arts at a four-year college or university.

Applications are available now, the deadline to apply is March 5, 2021. Click [here](#) to download an application and learn more about the scholarship. For additional information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

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**CCAA - 2nd Fridays**

The Charles County Arts Alliance goes live the 2nd Friday of each month in its new virtual lecture/performance series. Each month a different arts discipline is highlighted and features artists and programs from and with connections to Charles County and southern Maryland.

Sheryl Pollard-Thomas joined 2nd Fridays in December with dance as the featured arts discipline. She shared her dance background, footage and pictures from her dance education work and performance career, and her hopes for the future of McDonough High School’s new dance program. It was a pleasure to learn more about this great addition to Charles County’s artistic community. Click [here](#) to see the program.

Log on to our YouTube channel, Charles County Arts Alliance, every 2nd Friday at 7:00 pm. Click [HERE](#) to subscribe to the channel today!

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The Maryland State Arts Council and its collaborating partners regularly offer a variety of resources, programs, and funding opportunities. Listed below is a few highlights. Information is updated weekly in the CCAA’s Arts Newsflash. You can also view the Maryland State Art Council’s January Newsletter and visit www.msac.org.

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**2021-2022 Folklife Apprenticeship - Applications Now Open**

Applications Due Soon!

**Friday, January 15, 2021, 5:00 pm**

MSAC is pleased to announce that applications are open for 2021-2022 Folklife Apprenticeships. This grant supports traditional arts education through the teaching of skills from a master artist to a learner artist. Grants are $5,000 each, with $4,000 disbursed to the master artist and $1,000 to the learner artist during one-year teaching period. Applications are due Friday, January 15, at 5 p.m. Read the Folklife Apprenticeship guidelines and evaluation criteria here.
On Thursday, February 11, 2021, we will make our voices heard virtually at Maryland Arts Day! Join us and the hundreds of advocates who fight tirelessly for the arts. This event is one of the most important advocacy days for the Maryland arts sector.

Follow our social media outlets for updates on how you can participate in this invigorating one-day event that brings together countless members of the arts community. You can stand tall with arts advocates, artists, educators, administrators, board members, volunteers, and more from across the state - all with the common goal of championing public investment for the arts.

During the event, you will also hear remarks from lawmakers passionate about the arts and the presentation of the annual Sue Hess Arts Advocate of the Year Award. Most importantly, attendees will have the opportunity to champion the arts directly with their state representatives from southern Maryland in a specially planned Zoom room.

Don't miss this important opportunity to support the arts! Registration will be available soon!
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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
- $1 discount for each ticket purchased for Port Tobacco Players theatrical productions
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, the satisfaction that comes from actively supporting the arts in Charles County!

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- □ Platinum Circle – $500
- □ Gold Circle – $250
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- □ Youth (under 18) – $10

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- □ Nonprofit Organization – $75
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All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax–deductible.

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