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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Hopefully, the snow and bitter cold of January is behind us, and we can look forward to an early thaw in February. Regardless of the weather facing us, the CCAA will have a busy schedule facing us this month.

On Wednesday the 9th, we complete the second half of our Winter retreat that was disrupted by the recent storm. Coming on Saturday the 12th, you will be able to tune into our YouTube channel and be introduced to the inner workings of the Charles County Youth Orchestra via our 2nd Saturday Program. Also on this day is the third presentation of our Theatre Education Program on play writing.

The Maryland Citizens for the Arts will present a virtual Arts Day in Annapolis (2/17) program encouraging our State Delegates and Senators to support the Governor’s proposed funding for the Maryland State Arts Council from which our community arts funding is received. Contact info@charlescountyarts.org or follow our next few Newsflashes for the link to this important event.

During the rest of the month, we will be pursuing the continuation of our Banjo Project, cooperating with the Board of Education on their new arts initiatives for dance and theater residencies at the middle and elementary levels respectively, kicking off Artsfest registrations and receiving and categorizing applications for our Scholarship Program.

Overall, I am sure that you would agree that the CCAA is quite active in its pursuit to serve the citizens of Charles County, even in a pandemic.

Sincerely,

Robert

Robert Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance
Dear Members and Friends of the Charles County Arts Alliance,

My name is Marcela Cacace, and I am excited to become part of the CCAA team as your new Administrative Assistant.

I have been a lover of the arts ever since my father taught me how to create stained glass in my hometown of Bogotá, Colombia.

Being the recipient of two bachelor’s degrees, one in Modern Languages and one in Business Administration from EAN University, it is my hope to use these skills to contribute to and promote the growth of the arts in the Charles County Community.

My husband Michael and I have lived in La Plata for three years with our dog Opie, and are expecting our first child in the upcoming months.

I am looking forward to working with you and learning a lot from the community as well.

Sincerely,

Marcela
Coming to the Charles County Government Building - Commissioner’s Gallery on Saturday, January 11:

MARY MANGINO AND BILLIE HARLEY

With their shared love of family, photography, and travel, Mary and Billie started their business, Family First Images, ten years ago.

Call 301-318-5856 to purchase art.
Coming to the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center on Sunday, January 12:

**EVANS THORNE** @evansthorne3

Evans Thorne was born and grew up in Trinidad West Indies. After high school, he worked for the Government of Trinidad and saved money to come to the USA to study art. He attended Northern Virginia Community College in Virginia and Howard University in Washington, D. C. and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a BFA in Painting. After college, he returned to Trinidad and taught Art and Craft at Belmont Junior Secondary (a middle school) for two years before returning to the USA. He is influenced by African art, Japanese paintings, Middle Eastern designs, Impressionist European art, and the colors and patterns of African American art.

He has exhibited his art in Trinidad and the USA from 1977 to 1982 and from 2017 to 2020. He uses acrylics and mixed media to create colorful scenes of folk culture of the Caribbean. He is a member of Black Artists of DC.
Now Accepting Applications!

Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards $1,500 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each high school in Charles County and one graduating Charles County student from St. Mary’s Ryken High School, who plan to continue studying the arts (performing, visual, or literary) at a four-year college or university.

Apply at [www.charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships](http://www.charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships).

The completed application and all required documentation must be postmarked by noon March 4, 2022 and mailed to CCAA: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695 or hand-delivered to the CCAA office at the Dorothy L. Harper United Way House: 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646. Applications received or postmarked after the deadline will not be accepted.

Those wishing to submit their application electronically may email all required documentation to the CCAA’s Administrative Specialist at [ccaaoffice2@gmail.com](mailto:ccaaoffice2@gmail.com). Electronic applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For more information, contact [ccaaoffice2@gmail.com](mailto:ccaaoffice2@gmail.com) or call the office at 301-392-5900 Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.
Winter Session Registration Info:

Does your child love to act up? Upward Thrive Academy’s Actin’ Up Theatre Troupe (Charles County) welcomes youth ages 8-17 to join our troupe. It’s a year-round theatre program. Registration is open for Winter 2022. Virtual and in-person sessions.

Register Now.: https://forms.gle/nFVPjMzaB1SvVuJa8, For detailed information, visit: http://www.upwardthriveinc.com/actin-up/

If you haven’t already, check out our most recent Fall 2021 production, A short film entitled, “A Messy Merry Musical”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0v-LwpAwk3M&t=3s
Macbeth
January 28 to February 13, 2022
***NEW SHOW DATES***

Written by William Shakespeare

Producer Carol Charnock
Director Craig Hower

Buy Tickets Now!!
Maryland Arts Day
2022!
February 17, 2022

What is Maryland Arts Day?

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state and Baltimore City, this statewide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland. Maryland Arts Day needs your participation to show strong support for the arts in Maryland and its impact on the economic and cultural vitality of the state.

View Last Years Maryland Arts Day on YouTube! https://youtu.be/G5hgeSXP6OM
Thank You for Your Continued Support!

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# CCAA Membership Form

**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 Newsletter weekly E-update of arts events
- $10 discount for each ticket purchased for Fort Tobacco Playhouse theatrical productions
- CCAA voting privileges
- And most importantly, 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 Organization - $75
- ☐ Other (Donations) _______

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

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

**Renewal**

Name (family or organization): ____________________________________________

Organization/Business: ___________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ______ Zip: __________

Phone: __________________________ E-mail: __________________

**Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!**

- ☐ ArtsFest Committee
- ☐ Budget/Finance/Audit Committee
- ☐ Scholarship Committee
- ☐ Grants Committee
- ☐ Grants Committee
- ☐ Marketing Committee
- ☐ Outreach/Media/Marketing Committee
- ☐ Administration/Office Work
- ☐ Technical/IT Support

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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting ALL the arts in Charles County, MD
Master Calendar FY 2022

CCAA Winter Retreat (Virtual)
Maryland Arts Day
Theater Training Program: Playwriting Workshop #3
CCAA Board Meeting
Arts Scholarship Applications Due
CCAA Board Meeting
Theater Training Program: Playwriting Workshop #4
CCAA Board Meeting
Theater Training Program: Directors’ Workshop
Theater Training Program: Directors’ Workshop
Membership Meeting
CCAA Board Meeting
ArtsFest 2022
Summer Retreat
CCAA Board Meeting
CCAA Board Meeting
CCAA Board Meeting
CCAA Board Meeting
CCAA Grant Reception

January 29, 2022
February 17, 2022
February 12, 2022
February 12, 2022
March 4, 2022
March 12, 2022
April 2, 2022
April 9, 2022
April 23, 2022
April 24, 2022
May 14, 2022
June 9, 2022
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