March 2022

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What Happend to Summer?

By: CCAA Artist Cecelia Dunay
As we say goodbye to the topsy-turvy weather of this February, we wonder what March will bring. Certainly, warmer days and a “few” early spring showers will be welcome along with a complement of flowering trees will be a positive change.

For us in the CCAA the beginning of March will present a variety of changes as we first close out our Scholarship applications on March 4. We have already started to accept ArtsFest 2022 vendor and displayers applications as well as choosing several groups to provide musical and cultural entertainment throughout the day. March is also the month for updating a few of our Bylaws and selecting a venue for our Annual Membership meeting on May 21. Changes in staff always presents a few challenges, but we have had many changes over the years and manage to continue our goal of serving the community of Charles County and its arts organizations.

In April we will present the second of our Theater Education programs with a Director’s Workshop on April 23 and 24 at the Indian Head Center for the Arts. More info to follow.

The newest beginning project and part of our three-year plan is to reach out to an underserved part of our county by holding our first ever ArtsCamp in Nanjemoy this summer. As a cultural kick-off we are presenting at the Nanjemoy Community Center:

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Each production will be attended by up to 100 students from Marbury, Indian Head and Nanjemoy Elementary, General Smallwood Middle and Lackey High School, in cooperation with the Charles County Public Schools.

So even though we still have a bit of Winter lurking around, we are heating up our arts and cultural events and looking forward to a great Annual Membership Meeting, a successful ArtsFest and an exciting ArtsCamp!

Sincerely,

Robert

Robert Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance
ArtsFest 2022!!

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- Saturday May 21st, 2022
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
- Indian Head Pavilion, Indian Head MD
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.

Mary Mangino

Billie Harley

Art Work By: Mary Mangino

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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.
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
Little Shop of Horrors
March 11th to March 3rd, 2022

Written by Howard Ashman

Producers: Keith Linville and Sheila Hyman-Wrabley
Director: Kyle Rappe

Buy Tickets Now!!
Be Part of Our Theater Education Program!
Come Join Us for a Director’s Masterclass
Presented By Leslie Kobylnski

Boston College – Bachelor of Arts (Magna Cum Laude)
Television producer, Journalist, Lecturer and Consultant
Artistic Director of the Rose Theater Company, Washington, DC

This Masterclass will be a valuable opportunity to gain fresh ideas, techniques and strategies for the theater arts, and will afford participants the opportunity to ask questions and converse with other theater artists from our Southern Maryland community.

Saturday, April 23, 10 am to 3:00 pm and Sunday, April 24, 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Black Box Theater, Indian Head Center for the Arts, Indian Head, Maryland

The cost for this Master Class will be $100 per participant.
Check out Thursday’s Newsflash, March 10th for more info and registration link.
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 24, 2022

The Charles County Arts Alliance is currently accepting applications for the following position:

Administrative Director  
(With promotion to Executive Director after appropriate probationary period)  
Part-time, 30-35 hours a week  
La Plata, MD

We are currently seeking an Administrative Director to support and direct the programs of the CCAA and provide excellent service and assistance to our members, organizational partners and citizens.

Duties include managing program organization, social media, supervising Administrative Assistant, and general organization of office procedure.

Candidate must be proficient in the Microsoft Office Suite, Constant Contact, as well as an ability for producing newsletters, and database/WordPress website management.  
Prior experience in management and nonprofit organizations, grant writing skill, and a college degree are preferred. Must be a team player, results-oriented, able to work with minimal supervision and have own transportation.  
Hours are 9am to 3pm, Monday thru Friday with an occasional weekend or and evening for Board meetings and special events. Charles County resident preferred.  
Starting salary of $20 and up is negotiable based on skills, background and experience.

Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and resume to: CCAA Interviewer Lead: “Keith Linville” <migraine_boy98@hotmail.com> For more information, call (301) 752-7789

CLOSING DATE: March 17, 2022

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. For more information about the ArtsAlliance, visit www.charlescountyarts.org, call 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.
Twin Beach Players Youth Troupe Presents

The Alibis by

Tyler Dwiggins, Jonathan Dorf, Kathryn Funkhouser, Patrick Greene, Mora V. Harris, Jason Pizzarello, Ian McWethy, Carrie McWethy (McCrossen)

Directed by
Terri McKinstry tmckinstry@twinbeachplayers.com

Murder-Mystery Comedy 110 – 130 minutes
3 female, 2 male, 10 either (10-55 actors possible: 3-53 female, 2-52 male)

About the Play

Twin Beach Players is excited to announce our first LIVE Teen Show since 2019! When eccentric billionaire J. Leslie Arlington is murdered, a clueless detective finds the suspects are all reluctant to admit their alibis . . . because they were all committing other ridiculous crimes at the time. You never know what’s coming next when your suspects include disgruntled chefs, teen detectives, and vengeful divas, but one thing’s for certain: Every alibi is absolutely absurd. This show is going to be a blast to rehearse and produce!

We need all kinds of help on this one!

Terri is still looking for a stage manager/assistant director as well as:

Backstage technicians
Lighting technicians
Makeup
Props master/mistress
Set construction
Costumes
House manager
Sound technicians
Actors

Please let us know how you want to help by registering your interest HERE!
The Young Composers Project

Call for Compositions Deadline: April 1st

The project supports Maryland music educators in their efforts to incorporate the National Standards for Music Education and the Maryland State Music Standards in their classrooms and rehearsals.

The project is designed to encourage and enhance the instructional experiences of Maryland school students and music educators through providing professional critiques, enhanced recognition and selected presentations for the ongoing creative work of students in Maryland schools.

The submission window for all compositions closes on April 1st, 2022 at 11:59 pm.
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
- $5 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, MD!

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) _________

Want to volunteer? We'd love the help!
- ArtsFest Committee
- Budget/Finance/Audit Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Events Committee
- Gallery Committee
- Grant Committee
- Membership Committee
- Outreach/Marketing Committee
- Administrative/Office Work
- Technical/IT Support

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

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

Charles County Arts Alliance
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Charles County Arts Alliance: Promoting ALL the arts in Charles County, MD
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