CARROLL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL



2022 2023

from the Executive (Director



CCAC STAFF FY 22-23

DEAR FRIENDS,

It's been an exciting time at the Carroll County Arts Council!

This past year was one of growth and revitalization, and, thanks to our dynamic and devoted staff and volunteers, the Carroll Arts Center is once again buzzing with activity. Hosting more than 140 events, we welcomed over 11,000 people to movies and live performances and over 20,000 visitors to special events like PEEPshow and Art in the Park. We redoubled our outreach and marketing efforts and welcomed new and old patrons from more than 250 unique zip codes and nine states!

Not only have we reinvigorated our programming, but we have also reaffirmed our commitment to the arts in the broader Carroll community. We've increased our presence around the county and expanded opportunities for artists and small arts organizations. Grateful to receive COVID recovery grant funds from the Maryland State Arts Council, we created new grant programs for independent artists and community arts organizations who want to increase accessibility for underserved communities. We also augmented the number and amount of grants available through our Mini Grant and Community Arts Development awards. Plus, our sponsorships supported many arts events all around the county. There are so many amazing cultural opportunities in Carroll County and we are dedicated to helping them thrive.

As we enter a new season, I hope you will find time to visit us at the Carroll Arts Center. From films and concerts to standup comedy and live theater productions, there is something for everyone. We are excited to welcome you and look forward to nourishing your spirit!

Art Matters!

Lvnne Griffith **Executive Director**

Carroll County Arts Council

from the Board President

DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.

The Carroll County Arts Council had a fabulous year in FY23 thanks to the outstanding work of the staff, board members and volunteers, and the enthusiastic attendance and support of our patrons. From the superb Black American Film Festival and the highly popular Foreign Film Festival to energetic children's theatre programs and the BrewHaHa Comedy series, this year's programming offered something for every taste. It was delightful to attend concerts featuring musicians from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, as well as top-notch jazz and folk musicians, dancers, and singers. The lineup included everything from a special Native American Heritage Day performance to an evening with John Waters!

Numerous exhibits featured awe-inspiring works of art. Customers enjoyed the opportunity to purchase locally crafted jewelry and other artworks on display throughout the year. The PEEPshow and Festival of Wreaths also encouraged many individuals and groups to enjoy creating art!

Our community partnerships with municipalities and organizations throughout the county and beyond increased significantly. With tremendous support from the Maryland State Arts Council, we were able to offer grants to assist many arts organizations that shape our county's cultural scene.

I was honored and proud to serve as the Board President and experience the amazing CCAC team in action. The staff is planning another impressive array of offerings for FY24, so I look forward to seeing you at the Arts Center!

Lvnn Wheeler President

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Carroll County Arts Council Board of Directors



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highlights | Visual Arts

Exhibits

Our 22/23 exhibit season kicked off in the summer with two new local artist showcases. "Phantasmagoria" expressed the bizarre and fantastic through abstraction and surrealism while "Agricolor" paid artistic homage to the agricultural history of Carroll County. In the fall, we celebrated our 20th Annual Members Show, a fantastic feat! That same September, former CCAC Visual Arts Coordinator Susan Williamson gave a fascinating art history lecture on lesser-known female artists of the 20th century.

After ending the year with yet another successful Gallery of Gifts holiday boutique, we started 2023 off with "Oktavec," an exhibit from the Painted Screen Society of Baltimore. Named after a pioneer of the art form, this unique show also featured paint-you-own-screen kits, painted screen fly swatters, and other cute gifts! As always, our annual Youth Art Month showcase of Carroll County elementary and middle school art was a hit with the young artists and their families.

Our spring Tevis Gallery exhibit certainly reflected the beautiful weather of the season with "Natura," a local artist show of work inspired by the natural world. Upstairs in the Community Gallery, we also welcomed back the Carroll County Artists Guild as they showcased their members' newest work.

PHOTOS, L TO R, TOP TO BOTTOM. Phantasmagoria ("Crystal Eyes" by Kristin Zeminski); Agricolor ("The Cutting Table" by George Maurer); Oktavec ("Haystack Rock, Oregon" by Paul Dorr); 20th Annual Members Show; Gallery of Gifts; Youth Art Month; Natura ("Sway" by Elizabeth Shaw); Carroll County Artists Guild ("The Land" by Tom Cantwell)











Art Classes and Camps

We introduced three new art camp programs in the summer of 2022! In Environmental Art Camp, students created with non-traditional, natural materials and in Mixed Media and Beyond Camp, students explored the art of collages and sculpture. For our youngest budding artists, Nikki Rhodes of Rudolph Girls Books

in Westminster taught Author and Art Camp. This program connected the illustrations of children's book author, Eric Carle, with art projects, reading or math activities, and an adorably themed snack.

During the school year, we had more youth art education offerings with fan-favorite classes Make it and Take it and Community of Kindness Art Sessions. For adult artists looking to enhance their artistic process, Karen Amelia Brown led a course called Exploring the Magic of Creativity.

Special Events

25th Annual Festival of Wreaths (Nov 25 - Dec 4, 2022)

It was the Silver Anniversary of the Festival of Wreaths this year! We welcomed over 3,300 visitors to view and bid on these handmade holiday creations. Unique materials used this year included keys, starfish, paint color samples, and sea glass. With over 100 wreaths and other holiday decor, this holiday auction raised \$14,103 for the Arts Council.

PEEPshow (March 31 - April 10, 2023)

This year was truly PEEPtastic for this ten-day fundraiser! Almost 17,000 visitors across the region visited and voted on the 110 marshmallow masterpieces on display at the TownMall of Westminster.

Our Grand Prize winner was "PEEPnocchio" by Kelly Soverns!

Thanks to the generosity of our peeps, we raised over \$90,000 to support our mission.

Art in the Park (June 3, 2023)

We had beautiful weather this year at our annual free arts and crafts festival on the grounds of Westminster City Hall! There were over 50 fine arts vendors, a great slate of live music courtesy of Common Ground on the Hill, and delicious food to round out the day.



Make it and Take it art class

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highlights | Live Performances













It was a season of growth here at the Arts Center as we exponentially increased our number of live theater events through several new performance series!

The BrewHaHa Comedy Series featured performances from hilarious comedians accompanied by a pre-show happy hour from Pipe the Side Brewing Company of Hampstead, MD. Highlights included local comic The Rev TMac, national stand-up Franqi French, and 98 Rock radio host Justin Schlegel.

For the classical music fan, our Sunday Classics Series brought acclaimed musicians to our stage for leisurely matinee concerts on Sunday afternoons. From Baltimore Symphony Orchestra soloists like pianist Lura Johnson and trumpeter Andrew Balio, to local groups like Flute Cocktail and Trio d'anches, audiences were swept away by their beautiful music.

This year, we officially partnered with Common Ground on the Hill to present the Common Ground Downtown concert series! Together, we hosted nationally acclaimed roots, bluegrass, and blues acts like Danny Paisley and the Southern Grass, Guy Davis, and a sold-out show with The Seldom Scene.

Our Headliner Series featured a wide variety of regional and national performers like sitar player Alif Laila, Baltimore pop-rock singer Andy Bopp, dance ensemble Urban Artistry, and folk trio The Wildwoods.

PHOTOS, TOP TO BOTTOM, L TO R: Franqi French; Justin Schlegel; Trio d'anches; Lura Johnson; Guy Davis; The Seldom Scene; Alif Laila; Urban Artistry







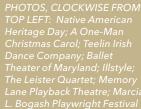


We had a bustling holiday season with familiar and new faces. In November, we hosted our first events in honor of Native American Heritage Day. This included a free screening of a documentary short about the Piscataway tribe in Maryland, Where the Waters Blend, followed by a filmmaker panel discussion. That evening, the Piscataway Nation Singers and Dancers delighted audiences with a colorful and educational song and dance performance! In December, audiences flocked to perennial favorite, the Eric Byrd Trio and their annual performance of A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas. Also successful was A One-Man Christmas Carol, a new energetic show performed by actor Jimi Kinstle. In the spring, our St. Patrick's Day acts, Teelin Irish Dance Company and Celtic rock band Gaelic Mishap, continued to get patrons in the Irish spirit.

For kids and families, we worked with Arts for Learning Maryland to present the School's Out, Arts In series, a full slate of free educational performances from a variety of performers like the Ballet Theater of Maryland, hip hop troupe Illstyle and Peace Productions, and step dance group SOLE Defined. We also sent some of these performers directly to Title 1 schools for special performances.

Local community acts took the stage throughout the year with our Leister Jazz Series featuring The Leister Quartet, improv troupe Memory Lane Playback Theatre, and the master musician faculty at Opus Community Music School of Eldersburg. We also held the first Marcia L. Bogash Playwright Festival in May, where local high school playwrights held staged readings of their work!

On May 13, 2023, we had the honor of presenting legendary filmmaker John Waters and his performance of a new comic monologue, End of the World! Selling out within 48 hours of its announcement, this show was no doubt the most successful live theater event ever held at the Arts Center. It was a hilarious, edgy, and amazing evening for all!



| LEFT: John Water











highlights | Films & more

Special Film Events

We shook things up in summer 2022 by moving our annual Free Family Movie series outside! Families filled the grass at Carroll Community College's Rotary Amphitheatre to enjoy free films like The Princess and the Frog, Luca, and The Iron Giant under the stars.

New last fall was the Black American Film Festival, a free bi-weekly series featuring eight films that emphasized different facets of the Black experience. Festival host Dr. Erin Watley (Assoc. Professor in McDaniel College's Communication & Cinema Department) gave thoughtful introductions before each film and led educational post-film talkbacks. The most popular screening was the documentary Ailey, chronicling the cultural impact of legendary African American dancer, Alvin Ailey.

Last October, we hosted our second Scary-Tale Endings film series, a week of Halloween classics leading up to our annual late-night screening of The Rocky Horror Picture Show! Our theater was packed with nearly 250 fans, all dressed for the occasion. The costume contest was a tight race, but an incredible Columbia get-up ultimately took the prize!

In the spring, we partnered with The Arc Carroll County to present the Sprout Film Festival. A fundraiser for the Arc, this unique evening featured screenings of short films that celebrate the diverse lives and creativity of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, challenging assumptions and breaking down stereotypes. It was an incredibly moving and special night!

Finally, we held a special free Pride Month screening in June of the landmark documentary chronicling the drag scene in 1980s NYC, Paris is Burning. It was followed by a very informative panel discussion with community representatives of the LGBTQ+ community.









FLICC -Film Lovers in **Carroll County**

The CCAC's resident movie club kicked off 2022 with some classic flicks including Dirty Dancing and 50th anniversary screenings of The Godfather. In the new year,





the club curated another dynamic January Documentary Series. Filmgoers were particularly fans of The Spy Behind Home Plate, a film documenting the life of Moe Berg, a major league baseball player turned spy during WWII. This past February, FLICC celebrated the 20th anniversary of their Foreign Film Festival! From the Oscar-winning Drive My Car (Japan) to the crowd-pleasing Tel Aviv on Fire (Israel), audiences were immersed in a variety of new cultures. Most recently, the group saw increased attendance at their June screenings of Indiana Jones: The Raiders of the Lost Ark!









Children's Theatre

Our Children's Theatre Troupe had their first full year of shows since 2019! In the fall, 19 middle schoolers brought a beloved children's book musically to life with The Phantom Tollbooth Jr. Then in the spring, 16 elementary aged thespians took audiences on a musical intergalactic adventure in Space Pirates!

Theatre Camps and Classes

38 budding thespians participated in our theatre camps last summer. Their productions of The Journey of the Noble Gnarble and A Friend for Potato were a delight for their family and friends to see!

We offered our staple youth theatre class, Take the Stage, throughout the season. A total of 60 young actors built their confidence and public speaking skills through the fun games and improv exercises implemented in this program.

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highlights | Community Support

Scholarships

Tevis College Arts Scholarship

Seniors from our local Carroll County high schools are annually awarded \$1,000 to pursue an arts major in college. These scholarships are awarded in memory of Dorothy Tevis, a devoted patron of the arts in Carroll County, and are continually made possible thanks to the generosity of Peggy Tevis.

- 7 scholarships totaling \$7,000

- The Class of 2023 recipients are pursuing majors in Arts Administration, Graphic Design, Illustration, Creative Writing, Art History, Film, and Music Performance.

Tom Holder Scholarships

Students in need can receive free or reduced tuition for CCAC education programs.

- A total of \$1,960 was awarded to 10 local youth to participate in our classes and camps.

Community Sponsorships

Throughout the year, we sponsor a variety of arts and cultural events all around the county.

- A grand total of \$9,750 in sponsorships

- We were a proud sponsor of this year's 2nd Juneteenth in Carroll Celebration at Carroll Community College, which welcomed around 250 people.







Grants

Community Arts Development (CAD) Grants

Large grants that either support the general operations of local arts organizations or help non-arts organizations complete arts-related projects.

- 14 grants totaling \$64,200

- One of this year's CAD grants supported Downtown Sykesville Connection, a program that strives to strengthen the economic potential of Maryland's traditional main streets and neighborhoods through creative and interactive events and programming.

Community Accessibility Project (CAP) Grants

This brand-new grant opportunity aims to maximize an organization's ability to enrich the lives of people of all abilities and backgrounds by inherently making the arts experience more accessible.

- 2 grants totaling \$4,000

– With this grant, Chamber Music on the Hill will be able to organize alternative transportation for assisted living facilities to their concert season throughout the coming year.

Arts in Education Grants

These grants funded through the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) help bring Maryland artists and performers into public schools for residencies, workshops, assembly performances,

- 6 grants totaling \$1,500

- Many of these grants helped fund elementary field trips to see educational productions from Arts on Stage at the Panther Performance Center in Hampstead, MD.

Mini-Grants

Small grants that support specific arts projects for both arts and non-arts organizations.

- 11 grants totaling \$9,043.74

– A Mini-Grant brought over 100 participants to the Carroll County Cloggers' Mason Dixon Spring Stomp - a high energy dance workshop featuring local and national instructors.

Independent Artist Grants

Grants funded through MSAC's Arts Relief General Operating Support (ARGOS) resources awarded to individual, independent artists to support working or living expenses. As the lasting effects of the pandemic continue to financially impact local artists, this brand-new grant opportunity provided holistic financial support to promote sustainability and creative growth.

- 4 grants totaling \$8,000

the numbers | FY 2022-2023

Assets:

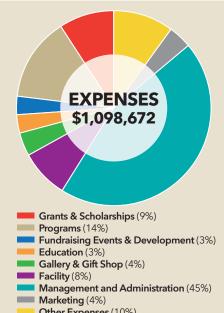
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Long Term Fund\$	504,351
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Cash and cash equivalents\$	13,889

Liabilities:

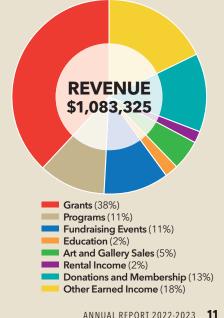
Total Liabilities\$	1,546
state taxes\$	390
Accrued payroll and	
Current liabilities \$	1,156

Equity:

Total Equity	\$	830,837
Net Income	.\$	<15,347>
Fund Balance	.\$	846,184



Other Expenses (10%)



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volunteers

THE CARROLL **COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT** OF OUR **DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS.**

With the return of a regular season of events, our volunteers were out in full force this year! We welcomed back so many familiar faces, but also saw a small influx of new helping hands. This year proved that our volunteers continue to be the backbone of the CCAC. Their help is crucial to what we do!

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Fran Nickolas

For almost two decades, Fran has contributed her time and helping hands to a variety of Arts Council happenings. From preparing mailings and stuffing Rocky Horror prop bags, to guiding kids crafts at Art in the Park and setting up for PEEPshow, Fran is a woman of many talents. We're grateful to have her positive spirit on our volunteer force!

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