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ANNUAL REPORT

2017 Fiscal Year

Message from the Executive Director

Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA) is proud to serve Maryland's arts sector. Looking back on our 40th year of advocating for the arts, we see the incredible work that we, as a sector, have done. Looking forward to our next 40 years, we must be aware of our strengths and challenges. Currently, we are in the midst of a disturbing national trend of decreased public funding for the arts. During times like these, we must come together and articulate that we believe in the arts as a transformative power within our communities; one that is worthy of public investment. In partnership with hundreds of arts organizations and thousands of arts advocates across the state, MCA will continue our strong advocacy efforts well into our 80th anniversary – ensuring that we will continue to see the arts flourish throughout Maryland.

In the FY 2018 Maryland State budget, Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland General Assembly set their support at a record setting level of $20.4 million for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). Thanks to this figure, and through the passion and dedication of all of our partners, we can be proud to say that Maryland is ranked fourth in the nation for statewide per capita spending for the arts.

As the new Executive Director of MCA, I am proud to continue the wonderful service and advocacy that has been carried on throughout our 40-year history. We should all be confident that our efforts, and amazing art, has fostered stronger funding and helped communities throughout Maryland thrive. I look forward to being part of the incredible work that we all do in service for the arts. After all, MCA is proud to be "One Voice for All the Arts in Maryland!"

Sincerely,

Nicholas S. Cohen

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MCA Mission

Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA) is an arts advocacy organization committed to expanding the nonprofit arts sector through public investment and service, thereby enhancing lifelong learning, quality of life, and economic vitality for all Maryland citizens.

FY17 Legislative Outcomes

Arts Funding in Maryland Reaches New High for FY2018!
The FY 2018 State budget proposed by Governor Larry Hogan and enacted by the Maryland General Assembly included a $20.4 million appropriation for the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). This funding has helped us to reach a new record level of funding for arts in the state.

Regrettably, during the final Conference Committee, $600,000 of the $2 million appropriation from the Special Fund for the Preservation of Cultural Arts that was slated to go to MSAC, was moved towards other legislative funding priorities. While this budget redirection is unfortunate, we should focus on the progress that has been made for state funding over the last several years.

Over the last five years, MCA has helped secure a 48% increase in state arts funding in Maryland. This money has gone directly to MSAC, which has been able to better support arts programs across the state as a result. Additionally, under the leadership of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the General Assembly approved a law which will dramatically increase state funding for the arts over the next five fiscal years. This new law (now Chapter 145), will allow state arts funding to grow not only by the mandate set in place in 1994, but also by an additional $1 million each year for the next five fiscal years.

ArtsLAB

Part of MCA's mission is to help build a strong community of arts advocates. Through key initiatives and informational sessions, MCA provides resources and tools that help engage and further our support for the arts in Maryland. One such initiative, ArtsLAB, is designed for staff, board members, artists, and educators. This day-long conference provides the sector with tailored workshops and themes relevant to current trends.

The focus of this year's ArtsLAB was the citizen artist. For the first time in ArtsLAB's 5-year history, MCA brought together a panel of artists that use their specific art form to drive civic and social change within their communities. Speakers included a quilter working in prisons from Western Maryland, a spoken word poet that activates youth in Baltimore City, and a filmmaker bringing awareness to mental health issues on the Eastern Shore.

The afternoon portion of ArtsLAB included hands-on workshops where morning speakers led sessions and helped attendees work though methods of using their own (or their organization's) art as a means of creating meaningful change within their communities.

Citizen Artists:
ARTS PROFESSIONALS AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

OCTOBER 25, 2016
CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER

SPEAKERS, PANELISTS & WORKSHOP LEADERS
Saida Agostini & Hannah Brancato FORCE
Connie Brantner Quilter
Lady Brion Spoken Word Artist
Kurt Kolaja Filmmaker
Clay Philip Dancer/Choreographer

Number of Attendees: **121**
Number of Organizations Represented: **54**
Number of Counties Represented: **13 + Baltimore City**

Maryland Arts Day

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing nearly every county in the state, this state-wide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and board members with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland. It engages the field and brings strong voices to Annapolis to champion and advocate for the importance of the arts.

Attendees at this year's Maryland Arts Day were welcomed in the morning by a number of state lawmakers. Lawmakers encouraged attendees and let them know that they indeed support the arts and are appreciative of all they do to contribute to the high quality of life in our state. This year's keynote address was given by MCA's outgoing Executive Director, John Schratwieser. John delivered an inspiring talk about the power of the "Citizen Artist." Attendees were then mobilized to meet with their district's lawmakers and speak to them directly about the impact the arts have on their communities.

FEBRUARY 14, 2017
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE AND LOWE HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
John Schratwieser
MCA Executive Director

SUE HESS ARTS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD
Busy Graham Founder, Carpe Diem Arts and Artivate

LEGISLATIVE SPEAKERS
First Lady Yumi Hogan, Senate President Mike Miller, Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer, Senator Richard Madaleno, Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch, Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones, Commerce Secretary Michael Gill

Number of Attendees: **514**
Number of Organizations Represented: **171**
Number of Counties Represented: **22 + Baltimore City**

Emerging Arts Advocates

The Emerging Arts Advocates (EAA) program was created to promote the growth of our membership in the under-40 age range or people new to the field. It aims to educate the next generation of Maryland arts advocates, and to provide advocacy training, professional development, and leadership opportunities to young advocates in the arts field across all disciplines and regions of the state. From Executive Directors to Artists to Volunteers, they represent a broad range of the ways in which emerging leaders are involved in the artistic community.

EAAs strive to build and sustain the arts sector in the state of Maryland by developing and promoting programs which create growth, development, and vitality for the entire sector. The EAAs role with Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA) is to act as an advisory group to help with the development and implementation in MCA programming, as well as state and local advocacy initiatives.

Working with MCA, the EAAs will become leaders in the arts advocacy field for the under 40 arts community through:

- Leadership Development
- Advocacy Training
- Networking Events

Alexa Milroy, CHAIR Baltimore Museum of Art
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Economic Impact
OF THE ARTS IN MARYLAND

14,564
Number of full-time equivalent jobs generated by arts organizations

9.2 Million
Number of attendees at arts events every year in Maryland

$449 Million
Amount spent by arts audiences in Maryland

$54 Million
State and local tax revenues generated from arts events annually

$713 Million
Direct spending into the economy from arts organizations

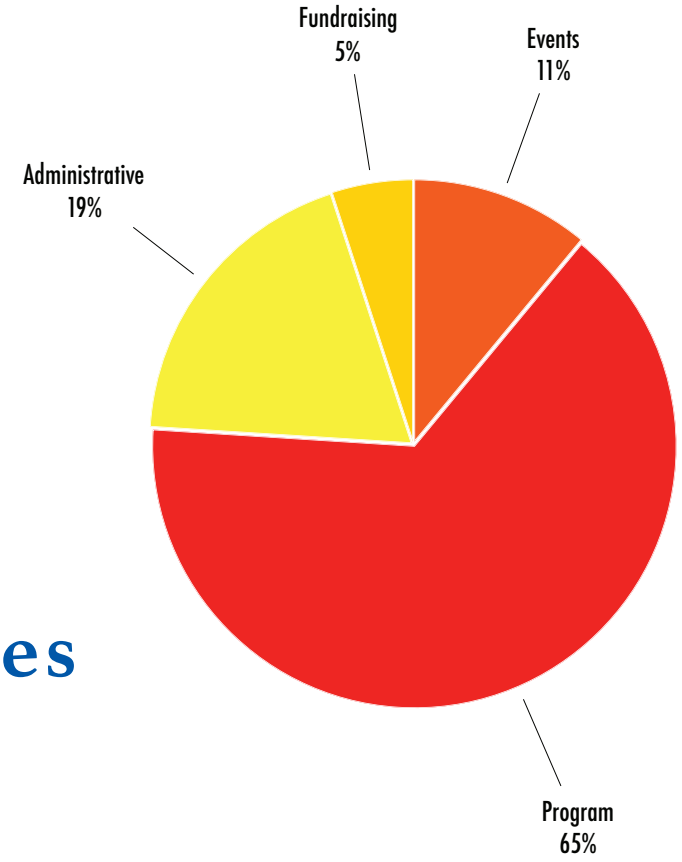
1.16 Billion
Total annual economic impact of arts in Maryland

$3.37
Amount generated in economic activity for every $1 in arts operating budgets

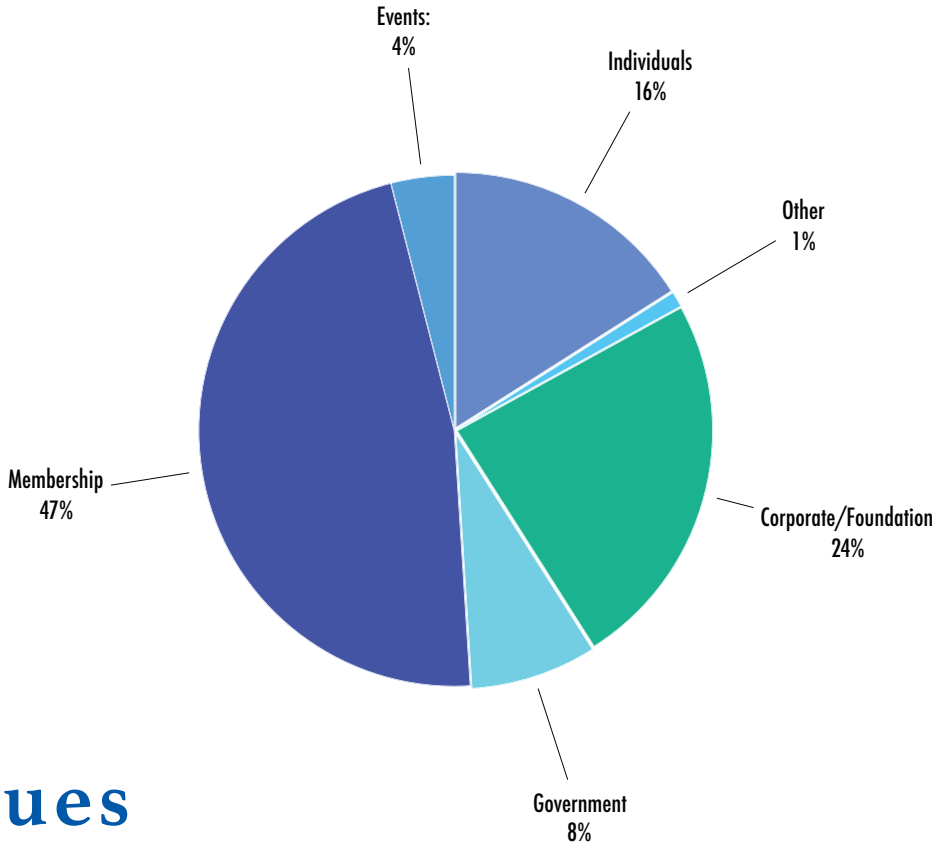
Priceless
Return to Marylanders and the State from a very small investment in the Arts Council budget

Economic Impact Numbers as compiled by the Maryland Department of Commerce, based on FY 2015 data.

FY17 Expenses



FY17 Revenues



2017 Member Organizations

ALLEGANY
Allegany Arts Council
Frostburg State University - Cultural Events Series

ANNE ARUNDEL
Annapolis Opera Company
Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre
Annapolis Symphony Orchestra
Anne Arundel Community Concert Association
Arts Council of Anne Arundel County
Ballet Theatre of Maryland
Chesapeake Arts Center
Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra
Compass Rose Theatre
Encore Creativity for Older Adults
Maryland Concert Series
Maryland Federation of Art
Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc.
Maryland Music Educators Association
St. John's College - The Mitchell Gallery

BALTIMORE CITY
Access Art
AEMS: Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance
American Visionary Art Museum
Baltimore Chamber Orchestra
Baltimore Choral Arts Society
Baltimore Concert Opera
The Baltimore Folk Music Society
The Baltimore Museum of Art
Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts
Baltimore Symphony Orchestra
Baltimore Theatre Project, Inc.
Bristol Players Theater, Inc. TA Fell's Point Corner Center Stage
The Chamber Jazz Society of Baltimore
Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
CityLit Project
Community Concerts at Second
Concert Artists of Baltimore
Creative Alliance
The Everyman Theatre
Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance
Hippodrome Foundation
Hopkins Symphony Orchestra
Jewish Museum of Maryland
Johns Hopkins University - Evergreen Museum and Library
Jubilee Arts
Julio Fine Arts Gallery
The Lyric
Magical Experiences Arts Company
Maryland African American Museum Corporation, Inc.

(Baltimore City Continued)
Maryland Art Place
Maryland Historical Society
The Maryland State Boychoir
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
MICA (Maryland Institute College of Art)
New Wave Singers of Baltimore, Inc.
The Next Ice Age
Producer's Club of Maryland - Maryland Film Festival
Shriver Hall Concert Series
Single Carrot Theatre
The Walters Art Museum
WBJC - 91.5 FM
Wide Angle Youth Media
WYPR -Your Public Radio 88.1 FM
Young Audiences of Maryland

BALTIMORE COUNTY
Baltimore Classical Guitar Society
Baltimore County Commission on Arts & Sciences
Baltimore Musicales
Chapel Concert Series at Charlestown
Children's Playhouse of Maryland, Inc.
Contemporary Arts
Deep Vision Dance Company
Gordon Center for the Performing Arts
Pro Musica Rara
Towson University - Asian Arts and Culture Center
Towson University Department of Dance
University of Maryland Baltimore County – Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture
Young Victorian Theatre Company

CALVERT
Arts Council of Calvert County

CAROLINE
Caroline County Council of Arts

CARROLL
Carroll County Arts Council
Chamber Music on the Hill
Children's Chorus of Carroll County
Common Ground on the Hill
Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County

CECIL
Cecil County Arts Council, Inc.

CHARLES
Charles County Arts Alliance
Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
Port Tobacco Players

DORCHESTER
Dorchester Center for the Arts

FREDERICK
Asian American Center of Frederick
The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center
Frederick Arts Council
The Frederick Symphony Orchestra
Maryland Ensemble Theatre

GARRETT
Garrett County Arts Council
Spruce Forest Artisan Village

HARFORD
Ballet Chesapeake
Deer Creek Chorale
Harford Choral Society
Harford Community College Fine Arts Calendar
Harford County Cultural Arts Board
Upper Chesapeake Chorus, Sweet Adelines International

HOWARD
Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
Columbia Festival of the Arts
The Columbia Orchestra
Columbia Pro Cantare
Howard Community College - Rep Stage
Howard County Arts Council
Howard County Poetry and Literature Society
Kinetics Dance Theatre
Little Patuxent Review
Showtime Singers
Sundays at Three

KENT
Chester River Chorale
Chestertown RiverArts
Garfield Center for the Arts
Kent County Arts Council
The Mainstay
OuterArts, National Music Festival

MONTGOMERY
Adventure Theatre MTC
AFI Silver Theatre and Cultural Center
Art Glass Center at Glen Echo
Artivate
Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County
Arts for the Aging
Arts on the Block
ArtStream
Bender JCC of Greater Washington
BlackRock Center for the Arts
Cambodian Buddhist Society, Inc.
ClancyWorks Dance Company
Dance Exchange
Docs in Progress
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Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts & Culture
Glorystar Music Education and Cultural Education
Imagination Stage
The interPLAY Orchestra
Living Arts Concert Series at Resurrection
Lumina Studio Theatre
Maryland Youth Ballet
Metropolitan Ballet Theatre and Academy
Nation Council for the Traditional Arts
National Philharmonic
Olney Theatre Center for the Arts
The Puppet Co.
Round House Theatre
Silver Spring Stage
Silver Spring Town Center
Strathmore Hall Foundation
Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts (SIDRA)
Washington Chu Shan Chinese Opera
Washington Revels
Zemer Chai - Washington's Jewish Community Chorus

PRINCE GEORGE'S
Chesapeake Chorale
City of Greenbelt
The Clarice
Maryland - National Capital Park & Planning Commission
Maryland Choral Society
Prince George's African American Museum and Cultural Center
Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council
Pyramid Atlantic Art Center
Tantallon Community Players
University of Maryland College Park – Art Gallery
World Arts Focus - Joe's Movement Emporium

QUEEN ANNE'S
The Church Hill Theatre
Queen Anne's Chorale
Queen Anne's County Arts Council

SOMERSET
Accohannock Indian Tribe
Somerset County Arts Council

ST. MARY'S
St. Mary's County Arts Council

TALBOT
Academy Art Museum
Avalon Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
Chesapeake Chamber Music
Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra Society
Talbot County Arts Council
Tidewater Chamber Singers
Waterfowl Festival

WASHINGTON
Hagerstown Community Concert Association
The Maryland Symphony Orchestra
Washington County Arts Council
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

WICOMICO
Art Institute and Gallery
Eastern Shore Ballet Theatre
Salisbury University - Salisbury Symphony Orchestra
Salisbury Wicomico Arts Council
The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art

WORCESTER
Art League of Ocean City
Worcester County Arts Council

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