Maryland Arts Day 2026
Logistical Information

Dear Arts Advocate,

Thank you for registering for Maryland Arts Day on Thursday, February 12, at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. Please read this notice carefully as there are helpful details about the day. Remember, you will need a government-issued ID to enter the House and Senate buildings.

Please be sure to pay close attention as parking and lunch locations have changed from previous years. Details below.

We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis!

Sincerely,
Amanda Morell, MCA Deputy Director

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Parking
MCA has arranged for you to park for **FREE** at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts.

If you use Google Maps or a GPS system, a good search address is 801 Chase Street, Annapolis, MD 21201

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the following locations.**:**

- Bates Middle School Lot: this is a school day and faculty and staff for the school park there. Please be respectful and do not disrupt their day by taking up parking spaces that are not for us.
- There are two small parking lots adjacent to the townhomes on Carraway Lane; the townhomes enforce towing in those lots for non-resident cars.

Below are alternatives for parking if spots fill up at Maryland Hall. Maryland Citizens for the Arts will **NOT** be covering fees to park in garages.

- Park Place Garage at the Westin Annapolis- One Park Place, Annapolis, MD 21401
- West Garrett Parking Garage- 4 Amos Garrett Boulevard, Annapolis, MD 21401
- Neighborhood parking- there is parking in the nearby neighborhood. Please read posted signs carefully and be respectful of the people who live in the community. These spots are not guaranteed.
- Navy-Marine Corps Stadium- Parking lot, 511 Taylor Ave, Annapolis, MD 21401.

For more information about alternative parking use this link.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts is not responsible for any towing fees or parking tickets

We encourage carpooling whenever possible. Also, please check with your local county arts council to see if there is a bus available. Please note that not all counties have this option. Any associated costs with transportation to Annapolis are subject to the county arts council providing that transportation.

Agenda

St. John's College
Francis Scott Key Auditorium, St. John's College 60 College Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401

8:00a Check-In and Networking Breakfast
9:00a Welcome & Greetings from Elected Officials
9:30a Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award Presentation
9:45a Keynote Address – Sue Malone, Executive Director of Wide Angle Youth Media
10:10a Budget Realities and Legislative Talking Points
10:30a County Delegation Coordination

Lowe House Office Building (6 Bladen St) & James/Miller Senate Office Buildings (11 Bladen St)
11:00a Legislative Office Visits

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts – Bowen Theater
12:30 – 2:00p Lunch and Networking
For a comprehensive map of the legislative office buildings, use this link.

Check-In

Check-in will begin at 8:00 am and will run until 8:50 am. During this time, attendees will be provided with a continental breakfast and have the opportunity to network with one another.

Opening remarks will begin **promptly** at 9:00 am inside the auditorium.

Talking Points
We are asking lawmakers to:

- Please support fully funding the Maryland State Arts Council at the mandated level of $31.8
- Please support fully funding the Arts and Culture Capital Grant Program at $3million
- Vote YES on Senate Bill 41 and House Bill 387 – a bill to strengthen Public Artist rights
- Vote YES on Senate Bill 289 & House Bill 352 – a bill to extend arts education anti-poverty grants

Riding the Bus
Transportation to and from Maryland Hall is free to attendees who catch the designated buses from Maryland Hall.

**Please note that Annapolis City Public Transportation is also available. However, Maryland Citizens for the Arts does not cover the cost if attendees choose to use this transportation.*

The buses will begin running from Marland Hall to St. John's College at 7:40 am and will continue to run to St. John's College until 2:00 pm.

Free transportation will be provided only via the designated Woodlawn Motor Coach buses.

Photo ID
Remember to bring your photo ID. A photo ID is required to enter the Lowe House Office Building and the Miller Senate Office Building.

Inclement Weather Policy
Maryland Arts Day will take place unless State Government offices close for the day. If the event needs to be canceled, please watch our website and check your email for updates.

Unfortunately, **no refunds** will be given if Maryland Arts Day is canceled.

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