Music! Dance! Food! Drama! 
Art! Art! Art!

ArtsFest 2017 Had It All 
This Year!

With over 60 vendors, ArtsFest 2017 was the biggest ever! On Saturday, June 10, the 25th ArtsFest opened at 11:00 am with many first-time vendors, music performers, and even a roving radio announcer! See the following pages for our photo album. If you were not able to attend, please put ArtsFest on your calendar for Saturday, June 9, 2018, because we keep getting better and better!

Special thanks to Texas Roadhouse' Andy the Armadillo, the Chick-fil-A Cow, and Pinch, the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs mascot, for visiting ArtsFest with their waves and high-fives.
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Kid's Art Tent and Cube

Southern Maryland Radio Station WMMD 97.7 FM (The Rocket) with "Blak Jak"

Blak Jak interviews CCAA Past President Diane Rausch

Winner of the Gift Basket (funds go to the CCAA Scholarship Program)

John Rutherford was the lucky winner!
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Non-Stop Entertainment on Both Lawns of the La Plata Town Hall

CrossRoads

Encore Band

Charles County Youth Orchestra

Judy Dalton and Students

Harmonie N Bleu

Higher Standards

SonRise

Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation
The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet Performed at ArtsFest
Encouraging Message for All Ages!

The play, adapted from the children's book of the same name, delighted audiences at ArtsFest on Saturday, June 10, for two "concert-style" performances. The cast was led by Narrator (and author) Martha Lane, and featured Diane Rausch as the Mother, Robert Wenzinger as the Father, Rick Wathen as the Letter Maker, and Trevor Griffioen as the Letter E, with Thirzah Griffioen, Emma Ansel, Caitlyn Lynch and Gershawn Mason as letters A, B, C and D, respectively. Produced and directed by CCAA President Robert K. Rausch, with production assistance provided by Kavante Reeves and Anthony Graves, stage manager Cornelis Griffioen, and alphabet cards by Caitlyn Lynch, the moral of the play was everyone is an "irreplaceable treasure with a wonderful mission and purpose no one else can accomplish." (Lane)

Additional thanks goes to Friends of the Old Waldorf School for rehearsal space, Vintage Treasures and Nused Furniture for the loan of props, and Life Journeys Writers Guild for their support and promotion. And, to Ron Brown, CCAA Secretary/Treasurer, for running the projector at the Watermelon One-Act Festival!
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And all around the East and West Lawn of the La Plata Town Hall
ArtsFest 2017
And the winners of the Most Beautiful Tent Awards are . . .

FIRST PLACE
Dr. Theresa Alo

SECOND PLACE
CynSational Art

THIRD PLACE
Teachers with Cameras

FOURTH PLACE
Bleecker & Pacific Designs

BEST IN SHOW
Becky’s Baskets
Welcome CCAA Officers and Board Members for 2017 - 2019!
Election Held at the Annual Membership Meeting
and Reception on May 13, 2017

Gale Kladitis, President
Gale has been a member of the Charles County Arts Council and Alliance since 1982. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors since 2007, Membership chair since 2008, and Gallery Chair since 2013. Gale was also Vice President from 2012 to 2017.

Robert K. Rausch, Vice President
Robert is the Founder of the Charles County Arts Alliance and has been a member since its inception in 1987. He has chaired or been a member of various committees during his 30 years of involvement. Robert was also Past President for a total of 11 years, and former Treasurer and President for a total of 16 years.

In Robert’s own words,
"I am interested in serving on the Board of the CCAA as Vice President, to help further the development and expansion of the artistic organizations in Charles County, and to see an increasing recognition of those individuals who work in the arts either as amateurs or professionals. I will continue to bring the message of our successes and objectives to fraternal and service organizations in our County, encouraging them to support the arts directly, or by becoming a supporting member/partner with the Charles County Arts Alliance."

Ronald Brown, Secretary/Treasurer
Ron Brown was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer. His background is largely in History, as evidenced by his Bachelor’s degree in History from Frostburg State College, Master’s degree in Nineteenth Century European History from the University of Maryland, and his full-time faculty position teaching History courses at Charles County Community College/College of Southern Maryland from 1970 to 2009. His movement to the Arts began gradually as the Chair of the Communication, Arts and Humanities Division from 2009-2014, where he administered faculty, programs and events in the visual and performing Arts, as well as courses in Art History, Communication, History, and Philosophy.

Since retiring in 2014, he has been voted to the CCAA Board of Directors, served on the Grants and Scholarship committees, and was appointed as Treasurer. Currently, he still continues in History as the President of the Historical Society of Charles County. He hopes to keep busy as Treasurer depositing membership dues, state and county grants money and writing checks to grant and scholarship recipients.

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Diane Rausch, Past President

Diane is a native of Charles County where her family, the Berry family, has lived for over 300 years. She is a senior executive at NASA Headquarters in Washington, DC, where she currently serves as Director, Advisory Committee Management Division, in the Office of External Relations. She has been an active participant in the arts all her life, especially music, where she has performed with a variety of church, school, college and community instrumental and choral ensembles. She plays bassoon and clarinet, and sings alto. She and her husband Robert are the co-founders of three nonprofit arts and humanities organizations in Charles County: the Southern Maryland Concert Band (1984), the Charles County Arts Alliance (1987) and the Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation (1994). Diane has previously served as president of the SMCB (7 years), and president of FOWS (5 years). Diane has an M.A. in Political Science/International Relations from East Carolina University, a B.A. in Foreign Affairs from University of Virginia, and graduated from Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf. She and Bob enjoy attending performing arts events, galleries and historic sites in and around Southern Maryland, Chesapeake Bay living and boating at their condo at Solomons Island and foreign travel.

William (Bill) Adams, Director

Bill has served on the Board now for several years. He feels he brings a musician's point of view as well as a producer-of-events point of view. Bill has played music all his life and produced many musical productions. He feels his biggest contributions have and will continue to be serving strongly on the ArtsFest Committee. This is the biggest and most important event that the CCAA does because it promotes the organization countywide with a wide brush and a big splash. In addition to being a musician, Bill is an Athletic Director.

Joseph Wimberly, Director

Joseph Wimberly is an Online Marketing Solutionist who works together with business owners, entrepreneurs and creatives to help them start up and grow their online impact. Joseph also runs a local visual artist collective that focuses on working closely with other artists to cultivate a professional environment where creatives can set and achieve goals, both individual and collaborative.

Through his own fine art practice, and engagement in the arts community of Southern Maryland, Joseph has found that creative expression is a gift from God available to anyone willing to exercise it. He also believes that artists play an important part in their local communities’ economy and that with great skill comes the responsibility to share that knowledge and experience with those around you.

Joseph understands the importance of non-profit groups such as the Charles County Arts Alliance in providing a platform for artists to interact with the community and enrich the lives of those around them. His desire is to play a larger role in the development of the visual artists that the CCAA supports.
Maryland State Arts Council
Call for Maryland Artists!

Join the Maryland Artists Registry. This free resource is an effective tool for those seeking to reach curators, consultants, collectors and others looking to commission or review contemporary artwork.

The Marketplace provides an image and link to where Maryland-based artists' works can be purchased. For more information, visit m sac.org/artist-registry or mdartplace.org/opportunities/resource-bulletin, or call the Registry Coordinator at 410-962-8565.
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July 2017
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 Newflash weekly E-update of arts events
- 20% off regular prices on certain items at Hot Licks Guitar Shop in Waldorf
- 10% off custom framing at Bernie's Frame Shop in La Plata
- $1 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!

Membership Categories (check one):

- □ Platinum Circle - $500
- □ Gold Circle - $250
- □ Silver Circle - $150
- □ Arts Patron - $125
- □ Arts Sponsor - $100
- □ Arts Activist - $75
- □ 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 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, MD.

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

All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.
Note: Dates and times may be subject to change.
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Believe in America because we have great dreams and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true.
~ Wendel Wilkie

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