



Now Accepting Nominations!

The CCAA Arts Teacher of the Year Award is a brand-new program that seeks to honor an Elementary, Middle, and High School teacher in an arts discipline who exemplifies excellence in arts education. The objective of the program is to honor three of Charles County's hardworking arts educators with the recognition and financial support they deserve, as they guide their students despite continuing uncertain and stressful circumstances.

Nominations may be self-submitted, or submitted by the teacher's current or former students, parents of those students, the teacher's professional colleagues, or a school administrator.

Submit your Nomination by February 5



The CCAA's Theatre Directors Interactive Round Table returns, led by Tony Award-winning director A. Lorraine Robinson. Topics to be discussed include: **Auditions and Casting Table Readings & Rehearsal Working with the Producer and Tech Staff Tech Week** All are invited to participate in this event!

February 21, 2021 • 6:00 PM

Moderated by A. LORRAINE ROBINSON



Pre-registration is required and spaces are limited! **Click Here** to register for free!

Charles County Arts Alliance 301-392-5900 www.charlescountyarts.org



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Performing Arts



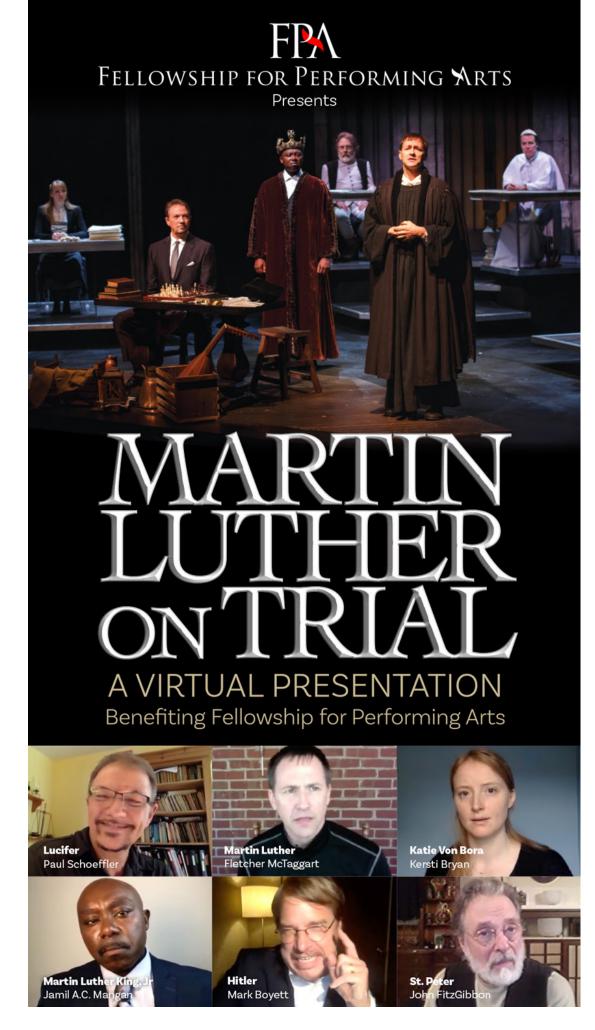
2nd Fridays: *When and Where We Enter - In Words and In Truth*

Join the CCAA for a panel discussion on the Arts, Social Justice, and the role of Race in Charles County, featuring original poetry by St. Charles High School students.

Panelists include:

- Angelica Jackson, co-founder and Executive Director of Phoenix International School of the Arts in Charles County
- Yvonne J. Medley, founder of Life Journeys Writers Guild.

Tune in on ourYouTube Channel February 12 at 7:00 PM and the second Friday of every month for a new Lecture/Performance Series.



A Message from the College of Southern

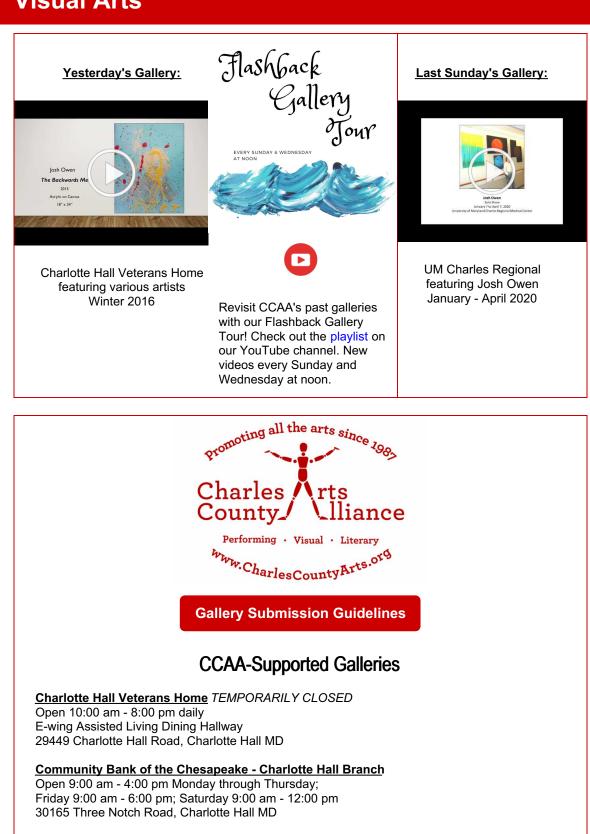


Visual Arts

Maryland:

Campuses will be open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to allow for some in-person student services in a carefully-regulated basis.

The College of Southern Maryland has announced that the campus will remain in Remote- or Restricted Operations mode through MAY 21, 2021. For more information, visit the College's website.



CCAA-Sponsored Galleries

Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show with Gordon Johnson Open 8:00 am - 4:30 pm weekdays 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata MD 20646

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Solo Show with Josh Owen Open 8:00 am - 8:00 pm daily 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata MD 20646

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Waldorf Branch

Multi-Artist Show through February 19, 2021 Open 9:00 am - 4:00 pm weekdays 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf MD 20603

For more information about CCAA sponsored and supported galleries, contact our office at 301-392-5900 or info@charlescountyarts.org

Literary Arts

"The Hill We Climb" by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman



Born and raised in Los Angeles, Amanda Gorman began writing at only a few years of age. Now her words have won her invitations to the Obama White House and to perform for Lin-Manuel Miranda, Al Gore, Secretary Hillary Clinton, Malala Yousafzai, and others. Amanda has performed multiple commissioned poems for CBS This Morning and she has spoken at events and venues across the country, including the Library of Congress and Lincoln Center. She has received a Genius Grant from OZY Media, as well as recognition from Scholastic Inc., YoungArts, the Glamour magazine College Women of the Year Awards, and the Webby Awards. She has written for the New York Times newsletter The Edit and penned the manifesto for Nike's 2020 Black History Month campaign. She is the recipient of the Poets & Writers Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award, and is the youngest board member of 826 National, the largest youth writing network in the United States. In 2017 UrbanWord and the Library of Congress named her the first ever National Youth Poet Laureate in the United States.



The Charles County chapter of the Maryland Writers' Association provides support to aspiring and established writers in all aspects of the craft, including basic writing, editing, beta readers and critiques, publishing and marketing. We also set up periodic book signing events, though these are largely on hold due to the pandemic. Our monthly meetings cover where we all are on our literary journey, guest speakers, upcoming events, and



Notable Author for January: Colby Rodowsky opportunities for submission. Our chapter meets virtually the third Wednesday of each month, with a critique group from 6PM to 7PM, followed by a business meeting, speakers and writing prompts from 7-8:30PM. E-mail Lewis McIntyre to be added to our mailing list to receive our Zoom meeting links.



Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing Children's Literature like Colby Rodowsky. Using up to 100 words write about a young adult going through tough times with the help of an understanding adult and include an attic or a library. Submit your Fun With Words response by January 25 and receive a MWA Fun With Words submission certificate. Selected responses will be published with next month's article.

A Message from Life Journeys Writers Guild:



We're Keeping our Social Distance, and nurturing Healthy and Literary Relationships!!! While we're hopeful to return to the Waldorf West Library and other venues in the future, we are here for you, Virtually!!!! Inquire about our special Writing Workshops, held monthly, and our Literary Events throughout 2020! Email info@lifejourneyswritersguild.org or

Call 240.427.LJWG (5594) for details.



Though library branches remained closed to the public, lots of virtual programs are available! Click the button below to register.

Check the Calendar



Call for Stories: Women in the Arts Deadline: Ongoing Send your Ideas <u>Call for Stories:</u> <u>Entrepreneurship in the Arts</u> <u>Deadline: Ongoing</u> Send your Ideas

The MSAC is seeking stories about entrepreneurship in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Entrepreneurship in the Arts" in the subject

line. For more information, click here.

The MSAC is seeking stories about women in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Year of the Woman" in the subject line. For more information, click here.

Community, Heritage, & Cultural Arts





Click Here to register for Maryland Arts Day! Maryland Arts Day is presented by Maryland Citizens for the Arts.



Sue Hess Legacy Arts Advocate of the Year Award Nominations are open. Submit your Nomination!

The Underground Railroad: Network to Freedom

The State of Maryland Office of Tourism invites you to "explore Underground Railroad sites in all of Maryland's regions to become familiar with personal stories of escape from this tumultuous era in our nation's history" including Camp Stanton in Hughsville, right here in Charles County!

Check out Maryland's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Guide to get started on your journey.





Class Catalog by Age: 7-9 9-11 11-13 13-15 The Thinking Kid is a live online academy for kids, ages 6-17, offering a wide range of fun after-class clubs and virtual field trips. Classes meet in real time, so students can engage in discussions, ask questions, and participate in activities while being seen and heard by their online classmates!

Please visit The Thinking Kid online or email georgia@thethinkingkid.org to register.

MSAC is accepting applications for the Creativity Grant!

Click here for the Guidelines and Application Process.

<u>Community Senior Centers</u> Get The SCOOP on What's Happening!



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

All Senior Centers and the Nanjemoy Community Center are closed to participants. All scheduled activities, classes, and programs for older adults are canceled. For more information, visit the Charles County Government website.



Charles County Public Library

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CCPL is excited to announce a new partnership with Hoopla Digital. Hoopla is a category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and comics. With Hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream, and download free dynamic content with your library card. And the best part: there are no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month, All content is accessible via Hoopla's mobile app and online at hoopladigital.com.

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or phone 301-392-5900 no later than the Monday before your event.

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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

The CCAA is the official arts council of Charles County and is recognized as such by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) of the State of Maryland. In this capacity, the CCAA serves as the "umbrella" organization for the arts community in Charles County. The CCAA promotes Charles County arts organizations and individuals, provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and the schools through its annual arts grant programs, sponsors the creation and presentation of new, diverse cultural activities and special events for the community, provides arts scholarships, and ensures the Charles County's under-served population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities, and senior citizens have access to the arts. The CCAA builds partnerships with local government, the business community and the educational community, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Charles County.

CCAA Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM