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**2021 CREATIVE BALTIMORE FUND AWARDS \$236,000  
TO CITY CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS**

**Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young** and the **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** announce the winners of the FY21 **Creative Baltimore Fund**. The grant program awarded \$236,000 in funding to 41 established cultural organizations within Baltimore City and five individual artist projects. An independent panel reviewed 70 total applications and selected the grant recipients. The Creative Baltimore Fund is a grant made annually by the City of Baltimore. The annual allocation from the City’s general fund is administered by the Baltimore City Arts Council, a division of the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts.

The competitive grant program supports the general operating expenses of eligible Baltimore City based cultural arts and humanities organizations including one-time projects, exhibitions, performances, workshops and other activities taking place in 2021. The Creative Baltimore Fund grant program offers two primary types of grants: The **General Operating Support (GOS) Grant**, awarded to established arts or cultural organizations that benefit the public and are artistically or culturally vibrant; and the **Individual Artist Project Support (PS) Grant**, awarded to arts or cultural programs that promote public access and encourage the breadth of arts and/or cultural programming in our community. The FY21 Creative Baltimore Fund jurors are Emily Breiter, Executive Director at Bromo Arts District; Garey Hyatt, Chair of the Department of Visual & Performing Arts at Coppin State University; Terrence Jennings, Baltimore City Mayor’s Office, Strategic Alliance; and Lauren Schiszik, Historic Preservation Planner, City of Baltimore Department of Planning.

Recipients of Creative Baltimore Fund grants are listed below.

**General Operating Support Grant Recipients:**

901 Arts Fusion Partnerships Sponsor	Access Art, Inc.
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American Visionary Art Museum	Arts Every Day
Audrey Herman Spotlighters Theatre, Inc.	Bach in Baltimore (d/b/a); Bach Concert Series, Inc.
Baltimore Architecture Foundation, Inc.	Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation
Baltimore Chamber Orchestra	Baltimore Clayworks
Baltimore Concert Opera	Baltimore Heritage, Inc.
Baltimore Museum of Industry	Baltimore Rock Opera Society
Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation, Inc.	Baltimore Theater Project
Baltimore Youth Arts (under Fusion Partnerships, Inc)	Center Stage Associates, Inc.
Chesapeake Shakespeare Company	CityLit Project
Community Concerts at Second	Current Space - (fiscally sponsored by Fractured Atlas, Inc.)
Dewmore Baltimore	Everyman Theatre, Inc
Fells Point Creative Alliance	Force (Sponsored by fusion)
Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance	Hippodrome Foundation
Intersections of Change	Le Mondo
Magical Experiences Arts Company	Maryland Historical Society
Maryland Humanities	Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts
Mount Vernon Place Conservancy	Muse 360 Arts
Shriver Hall Concert Series	The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture
Wide Angel Youth Media	Writers in Baltimore Schools - Fusion Partnerships, Inc.
Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc.	

**Individual Artist Project Support Grant Recipients:**

**CJay Philip**

*Maryland Philanthropy Network*

These indoor or outdoor performances include audience engagement throughout the concert as the audience gets to imagine how they might address similar conflicts in their own lives. The live show will also be accompanied by a live stream to engage an even larger audience for a richer and deeper dialogue.

**Jessica Devilbiss**

*Hamilton Arts Collective | Hamilton Gallery*

The exhibition "Bearing Witness - an exhibition of the artists' tenacious view" will be virtually hosted online by Hamilton Arts Collective | Hamilton Gallery, located in northeast Baltimore, during the months of October and November 2020. The exhibition will be subsequently hosted in Hamilton Gallery in June 2021, or as soon as it is safe, as a physical exhibition open to the public. The exhibition will include the artwork and writing of guest artists Monica Youn (mixed media), Brennan Cox (painter), Chloe Irla (photographer), Donald Edwards (mixed media sculpture) and HAC|HG member artists who had their exhibitions cancelled due to the pandemic closures.

**Bruce McKaig***Earl's Place*

The current pandemic has shed light on generations of systemic inequities that nurture mistrust, self-loathing, hate, and violence. The project "A View from the Inside Out" uses the arts to rebuild empathy and community through discovery and skill sharing.

**Bridget Parlato***Transmodern Age, Inc.*

Bridget Parlato's own poem "Plastic Land" will be adapted into a picture book. The book will include a series of mini-lessons pertaining to the book's content as well as links to environmental learning sites. The story, lessons and resources will be available to Baltimore teachers, free of charge to augment their teaching. The information will be made available both physically as a book and digitally, allowing for either classroom or online learning.

**John Henderson, Jr***Holy Nativity - St. John's Development Corp*

The proposed project will be the design of sixteen 16"x16" wood and fused-glass panels that will be inserted into a steel armature. The fabrication of the armature will measure 18" wide by 100" in height. The armature will be installed onto a concrete pad measuring 30"x30" square. On the inside of the armature, located at the top, will be a solar/powered light fixture. At night the solar light will illuminate the entire armature. Community residents will be engaged in the design and installation process. The project will be measure by the number of residents who participate in the design and installation.

*The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which serves as Baltimore City's arts council, events center and film office. By providing funding and support to artists, arts programs and organizations across the city, and by producing large-scale events such as Artscape, Baltimore Book Festival and Light City, BOPA's goal is to make Baltimore a more vibrant and creative city.*

For more information on the **Creative Baltimore Fund**, visit [www.promotionandarts.org](http://www.promotionandarts.org) or call 410-752-8632.

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