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CREATIVE BALTIMORE FUND RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

Total amount awarded updated to include funding amount for individual artists

Mayor Brandon Scott and the **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** announce the recipients of the **Creative Baltimore Fund**. Ten individual Baltimore City-based artists received \$2,500 from the **Mayor's Individual Artist Award** and 50 arts and cultural organizations received **General Operating Support** grant funds ranging from \$1,000–10,000. This year, \$240,000 was awarded in available grant funding.

All BOPA grant programs are adjudicated using independent panels of regional arts & culture professionals who evaluate and score applications. Panelists are appointed through open nominations and serve for specific grant programs and cycles. The individuals who served as this year's Creative Baltimore Fund's panel review team are Terrence Jennings, Mayor's Office of Baltimore City; Christopher Batten, Visual Artist; and Fadia Shaya, Professor and Acting Vice-Chair for Academic Affairs, UMB.

The **Creative Baltimore Fund** grant is made annually by the City of Baltimore, and the annual allocation from the City's general fund is administered by the Baltimore City Arts Council. Jackie Downs, Director of the Baltimore City Arts Council, gives voice to our collective joy in this announcement, "The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts is proud to provide financial support to these amazing organizations and individuals on behalf of the Mayor's Office and the City of Baltimore. The arts and culture industry has sustained such a significant blow over the last year, but in spite of it all they have managed to continue to create, inspire, and uplift."

The Creative Baltimore Fund provides support to artists and organizations through two grants. The **Mayor's Individual Artist Award** provides support for practices or programs that promote public access & encourage the full range of arts and/or cultural programming in our community. This year, artists were not required to apply with a community-based organization, and awarded funds can be used for projects or process. Recipients of this year's award are Mecca Verdell, Karryl Eugene, Jill Orlov, Marly Cortes, Troy Burton, Linda Goss, Arao Ameni, Maria-Theresa Fernandes, Tehya Janae, and Tony Lugo.

The **General Operating Support** grant provides core support for established arts or cultural organizations that benefit the public and are artistically or culturally vibrant. Recipients of this year's award are:

- 901 Arts (a program of Fusion Partnerships, Inc.)
- Access Art, Inc.
- Arts Every Day
- Bach in Baltimore (d/b/a); Bach Concert Series, Inc.
- Ballet After Dark
- Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation
- Baltimore Chamber Orchestra
- Baltimore Choral Arts Society, Inc.
- Baltimore Concert Opera, Inc.
- Baltimore Filmmakers Collective
- Baltimore Jazz Alliance, Inc.
- Baltimore Rock Opera Society

- Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation
- Baltimore Theatre Project, Inc.
- Baltimore Youth Arts
- Beadly Speaking Jewelry
- Black Cherry Puppet Theater
- Bmore Than Dance (fiscal sponsor Excellence & Ambition Inc.)
- Center Stage Associates, Inc.
- Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
- CityLit Project
- Community Concerts at Second, Inc.
- Creative Alliance
- Creative Nomads
- Current Space - (fiscally sponsored by Fractured Atlas, Inc.)
- Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute and Cultural Center, Inc.
- Everyman Theatre, Inc., The
- Fractured Atlas (Fiscally sponsoring Submersive Productions, LLC)
- Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance
- Iron Crow Theatre
- Le Mondo
- Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center Inc
- Magical Experiences Arts Company
- Make Studio Art Program, Inc.
- Maryland Center for History and Culture
- Maryland Humanities
- Maryland Lawyers for the Arts, Inc.
- Maryland Philanthropy Network - Dance & Bmore programs
- Mind on Fire
- Mount Clare Museum, NSCDA-MD
- Muse 360 Arts
- OnTheRoad (OTR) Theater Company
- Sankofa Children's Museum of African Cultures, Inc.
- Shriver Hall Concert Series
- Single Carrot Theatre
- Strand Theater Company
- The Peale Center for Baltimore History and Architecture, Inc.
- Wide Angle Youth Media
- Writers in Baltimore Schools - Fusion Partnerships, Inc.
- Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc.

Learn more about Creative Baltimore and all of BOPA's grant programs by visiting our website (<http://www.promotionandarts.org/grants>) and following BOPA on Facebook and Instagram: @promoandarts.

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.

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