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BOPA REVEALS THE FIRST RECIPIENTS OF THE ARTS IN ACTION
ARTS EDUCATION GRANT

Funds awarded to a dozen individuals and organizations support arts education throughout Baltimore

The **Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts (BOPA)** proudly announces the recipients of the **Arts In Action Arts Education Grant**, which is made possible through the generous support of the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC). The Arts In Action Arts Education Grant supports arts education projects, classes, and/or workshops that will take place in school, after school, or in local community settings for the 2022 spring semester.

This grant program is the first of its kind awarded by the **Baltimore City Arts Council**. "The Arts Council is thrilled to be supporting such amazing organizations and individual teaching artists with this opportunity," says Arts Council Director Jackie Downs. "The grantees are providing valuable arts experiences for wide-ranging audiences, including underserved youth, incarcerated youth, Latinx youth, special needs youth, and creative aging populations. Learning is a lifelong experience and we're happy to be able to support arts education for all ages. We can't wait to see the positive impact their programming will have on people across the city."

The panel review team who evaluated this year's applications includes former Baltimore City educator and administrator Wendy Prioleau, creative entrepreneur and arts advocate Maryam Foye, and professor and researcher Fadia Shaya. Awarded grants range from \$1,000–5,000. Here are the individual teaching artists and arts organizations that will receive these funds:

- Baltimore School for the Arts Foundation
- Baltimore Youth Arts
- Geraldine Ezigbo (Individual Teaching Artist)
- Hippodrome Foundation, Inc.
- I AM MENTality Youth Male Empowerment Project
- Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center, Inc.
- Make Studio
- Media Rhythm Institute
- Mekhi's Space of Creators
- Muse 360 Arts/New Generation Scholars
- New Song Community Learning Center/New Song Academy
- Nia Hampton (Individual Teaching Artist)

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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 and organizations across the city, and 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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