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Carroll County Arts Council Newsletter

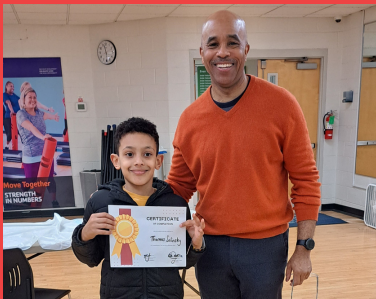
SPRING 2023



BEE'S KNEES JAMBOREE

Join us for a roaring good time at Bud's at Silver Run on Monday, May 22 at 6pm! This special benefit for the Arts Council features food, cocktails, live music from the Jake Fine Jazz Trio, and a special silent auction. Original artwork and unique arts experiences are all up for bid. 1920s-themed dress is not required, but highly encouraged!

Tickets are \$75 each.
Get yours at CarrollArtsCenter.org!



MINI GRANT HIGHLIGHT

A new Mini Grant recipient this spring was Macbeth Academy, an independent virtual K-12 school in Eldersburg, MD. Our Mini Grant helped them fund Tell Your Story, a one-day event that empowered students to create and share their own stories as text. During this workshop, 15 participants eagerly learned how to tell strong stories with the help of veteran news anchor, Kai Jackson. The students' stories are going to be on display at the Eldersburg Library the whole month of May!

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Spring Greetings from the Arts Council!

We're getting back into the swing of things after wrapping up an amazingly successful year for the PEEPshow. Almost 17,000 visitors from all over the country visited Westminster to celebrate marshmallow madness. The 110 entries and 10 videos were true PEEPsterpieces that marvelously captured the show's whimsy and sense of community. Congratulations and much gratitude goes to the CCAC staff, volunteers, decorators, and visitors for making our 16th PEEPshow a sweet success!

After a wonderful Youth Art Month exhibit last month, our galleries will again be full this spring starting May 8. In the Tevis Gallery will be "Natura," an exhibit of artwork that highlights the natural world in exciting, fresh ways. Upstairs in the Community Gallery, the Carroll County Artists Guild will present "Locus," their annual showcase of their members' work. Plus, we're gearing up for our annual Art in the Park festival in Westminster this June and the NEW Taneytown Artisan Fest this July! Get more info about these outdoor community arts festivals on our website.

This past winter was a busy one in our theatre. We got into the St. Paddy's Day spirit with family favorites, the Teelin Irish Dance Company and Celtic rock band, Gaelic Mishap. In fact, our stage saw all kinds of concerts, from chamber music with The Morpheus Trio to rollicking roots and bluegrass from the Grammy-nominated Guy Davis!

The Carroll Arts Center continues to bring arts and culture to our community this spring with events like the Jazz Extravaganza hosted by Monte Leister, a pop-rock concert from Baltimore band Starbelly, our spring Children's Theater production of *Space Pirates*, and our inaugural Marcia L. Bogash Playwrights Festival. Also, we're very excited to welcome the inimitable John Waters for a sold out performance of his comic monologue, *The End of the World!* We'll finish the 22/23 season this summer with Nashville up-and-comer, Lauren Calve, Nebraskan bluegrass trio, The Wildwoods, and a free Pride Month screening and community conversation of celebrated documentary, *Paris is Burning*. And don't forget to bring the kids to our FREE summer movies at the Carroll Community College Rotary Amphitheatre!

We have something for everyone and hope to see you soon.

Art Matters!

Lynne Griffith

WESTMINSTER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FREE Concert at Carroll Community College
Saturday, May 6 at 3pm

The WSO's spring concert is this May in the Scott Center Theatre on the campus of Carroll Community College. Come be transported as this community orchestra plays the iconic music from famous films and video games like *Harry Potter*, *Encanto*, *Frozen* and more. Dress as your favorite fictional character for the chance to win door prizes!



16TH ANNUAL PEEPSHOW WINNERS

And the winners are...

Another year, another sweet PEEPshow! We're so thankful to all the decorators, volunteers, sponsors, and thousands of PEEPs® fans that made this year's event at the TownMall of Westminster successful.



Audience Favorite Awards:

10th Place: "PEEP-A-Doodle" by Peggy Petenbrink

9th Place: "Aww...Not the Peeps!" by Samantha and Avery Kropff

8th Place: "The Good Ship Lolli-PEEP" by Residents of Homewood at Plum Creek

7th Place: "PEEPbra the Rare Zebra" by Taylor, Ava, Aiden, Glenn, and Annette Maughan

6th Place: "Chesapeep Bay Bridge" by Nancy Schoenfeld

5th Place: "OrangaPeep" by Lara King

4th Place: "This Episode is Called 'Peep'" by Patrick, Stephanie, Charlotte, and Savannah Livesay

3rd Place: "Octavia the Octopainter" by Westminster Paint

2nd Place: "Vend-O-Peep" by The Myers Family

1st Place and Grand Prize Winner (pictured above):
"PEEPnocchio" by Kelly Soverns

View all the entries online at MarshmallowPEEPshow.com!



INDEPENDENT ARTIST GRANTS

A new grant program launching this month!

Through the Maryland State Arts Council's Arts Relief General Operating Support resources, the Arts Council is making funds available to individual, independent artists to help compensate for the ongoing financial losses sustained due to COVID-19!

This new grant program provides working artists with \$2000 awards that support their working or living expenses. We're excited to help bolster a fortified workforce that impacts Carroll County's creative and economic activity!

Applications Opens: Monday, April 24, 2023

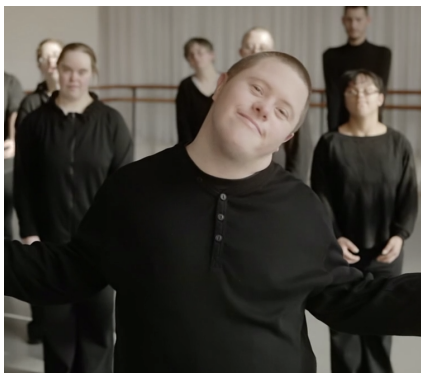
Application Deadline: Monday, May 29, 2023

Get more info and apply online at CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org/grants

SPROUT FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 25 at 6pm

Join us and the Arc of Carroll County for a night of films that inspire audiences, promote inclusion, and break down stereotypes. This unique festival focuses exclusively on films that celebrate the diverse lives and creativity of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All proceeds benefit the Arc! Tickets are \$5 with additional sponsorship levels available to increase your gift.



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