



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

LIVE THE ARTS IN FULTON COUNTY



FULTON COUNTY  
arts & culture

40 YEARS OF CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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In 2019, Fulton County Arts and Culture kicked off the 40th year of arts and culture in Fulton County.. Built on a long legacy of quality service delivery under the celebratory theme of "**40 Years of Creative Leadership**", we remained steadfast to providing the best that arts and culture has to offer. Our programs and activities continued to make a significant impact on the lives of all Fulton County residents in unparalleled numbers. We witnessed a growth in quality cultural experiences to the full benefit of our community. We remained the largest public funder of the arts in the state of Georgia, as arts and culture continued to be the second leading employment industry in the region with over 20,000 jobs and \$619,000,000 of economic activity annually.

In 2019, the Contracts for Services Program continued to provide significant support for a vibrant cultural community, thus affecting the quality of life for all of our citizens in all quadrants of the County. The Public Art Program rose to new heights with the presentation of the "High Rise Exhibition," a dynamic collaboration with the Goat Farm Arts Center, Showerhaus and The Book Bank Foundation featuring the works of international artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat and 100 Georgia artists with a series of exhibitions and initiatives to bring exciting arts and cultural experiences to Fulton County residents and visitors.

We also witnessed the growing importance of our community arts centers and expansion of our community initiatives with NBAF and Hammonds House to participants of all ages and creative abilities. The successful partnership with the Department of Senior Services, County-operated arts centers, Johns Creeks Arts Center, and the Alpharetta Arts Center witnessed the surge of the ever-popular Living Out Loud Program, which reached our older residents with free arts classes and creative learning experiences at "cultural hubs" throughout the County. While the winds of change saw an effective shift in the business model for the Wolf Creek Amphitheater, expanded learning through the Chattahoochee Nature Center provided a welcomed opportunity to integrate arts and culture with the exploration of the natural environment to residents from various walks of life.

Moving forward, the department is looking forward to sharing the complete findings of the Cultural Action Plan and Public Art Master Plan that will set the stage for future cultural arts development in the County. We extend our deepest appreciation to the elected officials, community leaders and stakeholders, artists, arts organizations and public at-large that make it possible for arts and culture to thrive in Fulton County. We are proud of the groundwork that has been laid to ensure that the arts and culture thrive in Fulton County.

LIONELL THOMAS

2020

# FULTON COUNTY

## **FULTON COUNTY STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREA: ALL PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE CULTURALLY ENRICHED**

### **EXECUTIVE SPONSORS:**

COMMISSIONER MARVIN ARRINGTON, JR.  
COMMISSIONER LIZ HAUSMANN

### **VISION**

IN 1979, THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CREATED THE FCAC TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ITS CONSTITUENTS. IT IS THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH FULTON COUNTY FUNDS CULTURAL SERVICES AND PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE ARTS FOR ITS CITIZENS. TO THAT END, FCAC IS BOTH PARTNER AND CATALYST IN DEVELOPING NEW ARTS OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR AREA.

### **MISSION**

TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ALL CITIZENS THROUGH SUPPORT OF THE ARTS.

### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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# FULTON COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE

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ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR II

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## PUBLIC ART

**PROGRAM MANAGER**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST**  
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## SOUTH FULTON ARTS CENTER

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**ARTS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**  
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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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**PROGRAM DIRECTOR/CURATOR**  
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# 2019 REVENUE & EXPENSES

## COUNTY SUPPORT & OTHER REVENUE

REVENUE SOURCE		2018		2019
County Appropriation	\$	4,807,232	\$	5,890,068
Public Art Trust Fund	\$	1,281,644	\$	965,368
Wolf Creek Enterprise Fund	\$	200,000	\$	850,000
Non-Federal Grants	\$	3,250	\$	3,250
Federal Grants	\$	75,000	\$	40,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,367,127</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,748,686</b>

EXPENDITURE		2018		2019
Program Support	\$	4,211,485	\$	5,551,905
Administration	\$	788,496	\$	1,006,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,999,981</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,557,905</b>

## 2019 REVENUE



7.7M

## 2019 EXPENDITURES



6.6M

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# CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES (CFS)

The CFS Program seeks to strengthen the cultural health of individuals, organizations and communities by awarding funding and providing technical assistance to non-profit organizations whose arts programming supports arts and cultural services to Fulton County residents. Funding is awarded through service contracts that specify arts services the organization will provide in exchange for financial support from Fulton County.

## ARTS FUNDING

The Fulton County Board of Commissioners awarded \$1.6 million in funding for local arts agencies, nonprofits and individual artists

**1.6M  
AWARDED**



**130  
AWARDEES**

## CONTRACTORS

130 Fulton County artist and organizations presented over 16,852 unique arts experience to residents across all districts of Fulton County from Milton to Union City.



## IMPACT ON YOUTH

More than 1,405,701 youth experienced a variety of art experiences as both participant /audience member and artist/performer. Because providing access is the mission of the Fulton County Arts & Culture department, students attending the Lionheart school were able to participate in an art therapy program that allowed youth to investigate, theatre, music and ceramics. This is just one unique example of the type of program provided by CFS contractors in Fulton County.

**6M  
RESIDENTS  
SERVED**

## IMPACT ON SENIORS

As a salute to life-long learning, over 6,265 active residents participated in weekly dance classes, music, and art-making experiences. Some seniors took it a step further, literally. Through art services provided to Seniors attending the Quality Living Services Center, many participated as touring artists around the county sharing their angelic voices, spreading music in a hand bell choir and showing us how to stay in step through line dance performances.

## IMPACT ON FAMILIES

Over 10,000 families were served in 2019. From activities such as puppetry arts, to city festivals, museum tours, music in the park, and tours of the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, families were immersed in unique and highly engaging arts experiences.





# 2019 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES AWARDEES

AAbel 2, Inc.  
Actor's Express Inc  
Alliance Theatre  
Amario's Art Academy for the Gifted & Talented Children's Museum of Atlanta  
AREA Nonprofit  
Artpportunity Knocks, Inc  
Arts Critic ATL Inc  
Atlanta Art Papers, Inc.  
Atlanta Ballet  
Atlanta BeltLine Partnership, Inc.  
Atlanta Botanical Garden, Inc.  
Atlanta Celebrates Photography  
Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency, Inc.  
Atlanta Chamber Players, Inc.  
Atlanta Concert Band  
Atlanta Contemporary Art Center  
Atlanta Dogwood Festival  
Atlanta Freedom Bands  
Atlanta History Center  
Atlanta Jewish Film Society  
Atlanta Jewish Music Festival  
Atlanta Music Project, Inc. The  
Atlanta Photography Group Inc  
Atlanta Preservation Center  
Atlanta Printmakers Studio  
Atlanta Shakespeare Company  
Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde, Inc.  
Atlanta Youth Wind Symphony Foundation Inc  
Ballethnic Dance Company, Inc.  
Bent Frequency Inc.  
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta  
BURNAWAY, Inc.  
C4 Atlanta Inc  
Camp Village, Inc.  
Center for Puppetry Arts, Inc.  
Chiwuzo Okwumba  
ChopArt Corporation  
Choral Guild of Atlanta, Inc.  
The APEX Museum  
Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta -  
Metropolitan Atlanta Arts Fund  
Dad's Garage, Inc.  
Dance Canvas, Inc.  
Dance Force, Inc.  
Dashboard U.S.  
Deanna Sirlin  
Flux Projects  
Fulton County Schools Teaching Museum  
Gateway Performance Productions  
Georgia Ensemble Theater  
Georgia Institute of Technology - FERST  
Georgia Lawyers for the Arts, Inc.  
Georgia Radio Reading Service, Inc.  
Georgia State University Research Foundation, Inc  
Georgia Tech Research Corporation  
gloATL, Inc.  
Grove Park Foundation, Inc.

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# 2019 CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES AWARDEES

Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences

Hammonds House Galleries

Harvest Rain Early Learning Academy

High Museum of Art

Historic Oakland Foundation

Horizon Theatre Company Incorporated

Atlanta Film Society

Jazz Orchestra Atlanta

Joel Chandler Harris Association- Wrens Nest

Johns Creek Beautification, INC

Johns Creek Community Arts Center

Johns Creek Symphony Orchestra Inc.

Kerisse Hutchinson

Los Ninos Primero Inc

Manga African Dance, Inc.

Matthew Fielding

Metropolitan Atlanta Community Band

Metropolitan Ballet Theatre

MINT

Moving in the Spirit

Muhammad Suber

Museum of Design Atlanta

National Black Arts Festival

National Center for Civil and Human Rights

North Atlanta Dance Theatre

Orbit Theatrical Inc

Out of Hand Theater

Out On Film, Inc.

Phoenix Theatre Academy, Inc.

Pianos For Peace

Quality Living Services, Inc.

Radio Free Georgia Broadcasting Foundation, Inc.

Reforming Arts

Robert W.Woodruff Arts Center

Room To Move Dance

Roswell Arts Fund, Inc

Sandy Springs Historical Community Foundation

Serenbe Institute for Art, Culture and Environment

Seven Stages, Inc.

Spelman College Museum

Synchronicity Theatre Performance Group

TADA Foundation Inc

The Atlanta Wind Symphony

The Creatives Project INC

The Essential Theatre, Inc.

The Johns Creek Chorale, Inc.

The Lionheart School, Inc.

The Michael O'Neal Singers, Inc.

The Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia

The Piccadilly Puppets Company

Terminus Modern Ballet Theatre

Theatre du Reve, Inc.

Theatrical Outfit

Tri-Cities Arts Alliance Inc

True Colors Theatre Company

Twinhead Theatre

Voices of Note

VOX Teen Communications

William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum

Youth Ensemble of Atlanta, Inc.

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# PUBLIC ART

The Fulton County Public Art Program was initiated in 1993 when the Fulton County Board of Commissioners adopted the Art in Public Places Resolution which stipulates that one percent of the cost of acquisition, renovation or construction of any Fulton County building or facility must be set aside for the fabrication, installation and ongoing maintenance of public art work. The program continues to grow with over 7500 participants in 2019 and unique partnerships with local arts organizations to present innovative and thought provoking public art opportunities for the residents of Fulton County.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ACQUIRED 73 ARTWORKS WORTH A COMBINED \$109,800 BY LOCAL GEORGIA-BASED ARTISTS AND COMMISSIONED TWO WORKS WORTH \$247,000 FOR THE NEW CENTRAL LIBRARY BY LUFTWERK AND AREA C PROJECTS .
- PRESENTED THE HIGH RISE SHOW, ONE OF THE LARGEST ARTS EVENT IN ATLANTA, WITH OVER 1500 PEOPLE ATTENDING THE OPENING NIGHT. THE EVENING FEATURED OVER 300 LOCAL ARTISTS ACROSS FOUR FLOORS, INCLUDING 2 BASQUIAT SERIGRAPHS THAT WERE PART OF THE NATIONAL KINGS EXHIBITION TOUR PRESENTED BY DR. GLENN TOBY.
- CURATED PRIDE, DIGNITY AND TOGETHERNESS'; AN EXHIBITION OF FAMILY PORTRAITS BY ATLANTA-BASED PHOTOGRAPHER, TOM DORSEY FEATURING THE FAMILIES OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND INDUSTRY LEADERS IN ATLANTA AND CHICAGO FROM THE 1970S THROUGH TO THE EARLY 2000S.
- TOURED FULTON COUNTY WITH FULTON FAMILIES, FREE FAMILY PORTRAIT SESSIONS, CELEBRATING THE GEOGRAPHICALLY AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE COMMUNITIES OF FULTON COUNTY, THE EVENT CAPTURED PHOTOS OF 389 RESIDENTS.
- RESTORED MURALS AT THE EAST POINT AND ROSWELL LIBRARIES FOR THE FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM.
- REFRESHED THE FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER PEACHTREE GALLERY.
- KICKED OFF THE PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN, DUE FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN EARLY 2020.

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# ARTS CENTERS

The Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture operates five art centers; Abernathy Arts Center, Aviation Community Cultural Center, South Fulton Arts Center, Southwest Arts Center Performance Theater and Gallery, West End Performing Arts Center and also participates in a public/private partnership with Johns Creek Arts Center and the Hammonds House Museum.

Through community based centers, Fulton County Arts & Culture provides Fulton County residents with direct services in the arts to include: arts instruction for all ages and most disciplines including visual art, dance, theatre, music, multi-media, creative writing and quilting. The Art Centers also produce arts and cultural events throughout the year including; exhibitions, plays, concerts, poetry readings, book-signings, dance concerts and many others.



# ABERNATHY ARTS CENTER

Abernathy Arts Center is Fulton County's oldest neighborhood Arts Center dedicated to providing quality arts instruction to the community in a warm and friendly environment since 1974. Abernathy Arts Center offers a broad range of day and evening classes for adults and children, as well as other arts and cultural programming. The gallery features regular exhibits which provide exhibition opportunities for students, faculty, professional and emerging artists. In 2019, the center offered 24 weeks of Summer Art Weeks, a half-day visual art program for youth offering classes in wheel pottery, handbuilding, clay sculpture, mixed media, drawing, painting, fiber arts and more.



## VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

- JAZZ IN THE GALLERY WITH THE EDWIN WILLIAMS EXPERIENCE
- NATIONAL DANCE WEEK – BACHATA AND BRUNCH
- LIVING OUT LOUD PROGRAM
- NORMAL SOAP WORKSHOP
- RED BARN IN THE SNOW
- CLAY REVIEW V
- GEORGIA ARTISTS: A JURIED EXHIBIT
- TRAVELING SOULS WITH FELIX BERROA
- YOUTH SUMMER ART WEEKS EXHIBIT
- ATLANTA CELEBRATES PHOTOGRAPHY
- ABERNATHY ARTIST MARKET
- NORTH ANNEX GOVERNMENT BUILDING EXHIBIT
- ATLANTA COLLAGE SOCIETY EXHIBIT
- SOUTHERN SOCIETY OF ARTISTS EXHIBIT

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- CLASSES PROVIDED: 86
- TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: 905
- YOUTH SUMMER ART WEEKS PROVIDED: 24
- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUMMER ART WEEKS: 258

## PARTNERSHIPS

- CHATTAHOOCHEE NATURE CENTER
- SANDY SPRINGS PARKS & RECREATION
- LAKE FOREST ELEMENTARY
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CREATIVE LIKE ME
- SANDY SPRINGS LIBRARY
- THE EDWIN WILLIAMS EXPERIENCE

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# AVIATION COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER

The Aviation Community Cultural Center honors the men and women of Fulton County who have distinguished themselves in aviation, provides dedicated arts educational programming, and serves as a community center resource for the residents of the Historic South Fulton communities. The aviation education center preserves the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and the monthly aviation speakers series hosted by the Black Aviation Airline Pioneers(BAAP) helps educate youth on careers in aviation . In 2019 center continues to promote community unity with over 35 community partnerships which helps to support the economic, aviation and cultural growth along the Fulton Industrial Boulevard corridor.



## VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

- A VOYAGE OF MIND, BODY, & SPIRIT LYNX NGUYEN
- MESSAGE FROM THE ANCESTORS: J. CHASE CAMPBELL
- 400: A COLLECTIVE FLIGHT OF MEMORY: JAMAAL BARBER COLLECTIVE
- SCULPTURE ON THE LAWN
- TETHERED BEYOND REASONING: TEEN ARTISTS ACADEMY
- IN TRANSIT: JAMAL WRIGHT, SR.
- SPECTRUM OF TEXTILES

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- CLASSES PROVIDED: 125
- TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: 2,118
- NUMBER OF PROGRAMS PRESENTED: 75
- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUMMER CAMP: 227
- PATRONS SERVED: 22,793

## PARTNERSHIPS

- TUSKEGEE AIRMEN-ATLANTA CHAPTER
- ATLANTA TUSKEGEE ALUMNI CHAPTER
- AVIATION CAREER ENRICHMENT (ACE) ACADEMY
- CIVIL AIR PATROL (FULTON SQUADRON)
- CUMI, INC.
- COCA COLA AVIATION DEPARTMENT
- FRIENDS OF COLLIER HEIGHTS LIBRARY
- ATLANTA - FULTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
- FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT INTERDEPARTMENTAL
- FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS
- FULTON INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD C.I.D.
- CITY OF SOUTH FULTON
- GEORGIA BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION
- BLACK AVIATION AIRLINE PIONEERS
- NPU – H
- YOUTH GENERATION, INC.
- MANGA DANE COMPANY
- CANNON & CANNON ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES
- ONE STEP ABOVE, INC.
- KUUMBA STORYTELLERS

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# SOUTH FULTON ARTS CENTER

As Fulton County's southernmost arts facility, South Fulton Arts Center strives to provide accessible, quality arts programming for the eight municipalities of South Fulton County. Located adjacent to the Clifftondale Multipurpose Facility, South Fulton Arts Center offers youth and adult programming in performing and visual arts, along with a robust pottery program. The center presents an annual Holiday Market featuring local artists and handmade goods and the annual The Atlanta Quilt Festival every August.



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## VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

- INNERGROUND RAILROAD
- THE WHIMSICAL ART OF THE PLAYWRIGHT
- TEEN ARTISTS ACADEMY EXHIBITION
- LIVING OUT LOUD ART EXHIBITION
- #BIGMOODATL
- NO CHASER
- SPECTRUM OF TEXTILES

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- CLASSES PROVIDED: 61
- TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: 294
- YOUTH SUMMER CAMP WEEKS PROVIDED: 4
- TEEN ARTIST ACADEMY WEEKS PROVIDED: 4
- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUMMER CA,MP : 213

## PARTNERSHIPS

- NEW AFRICAN GROVE THEATER
- MOCA MOM'S CITY OF SOUTH FULTON
- REN'S WORK DOT COM
- THE ATLANTA QUILT FESTIVAL
- TOTAL DANCE DANCICAL PRODUCTIONS
- BALLETHNIC DANCE COMPANY
- SAFER COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH FULTON
- BUSINESS AVIATION ASSOCIATION (GBAA)

- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TEEN ARTISTS ACADEMY: 75
- EVENTS PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARTNERS: 13
- SOUTHWEST ARTS CENTER EVENTS: 10
- PATRONS SERVED: 3,372

# SOUTHWEST ARTS CENTER

In 2001, Fulton County opened Southwest Arts Center, the first facility built by the county solely for the arts. Located on a 27-acre campus in the quiet Cascade community, Southwest Arts Center features classroom space, a large dance studio, music suite, a fine art gallery, an 80-seat Black Box Theater, and a 375-seat Performance Theater. The facility hosts over 250 events annually and is home to resident theater company Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company.



## VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

- OSCAR HARRIS
- INTERGROUND RAILROAD
- JOSEPH BIGLEY
- 14TH ANNUAL KEVIN COLE SOUTH FULTON HIGH SCHOOL EXHIBITION
- MALIK NASIR
- SEWJOURNERS
- TRAIL RIDE
- TEEN ARTISTS ACADEMY EXHIBITION
- ONYXCON
- THE KINGS EXHIBITION
- ALL ABOUT YARN
- PRIDE, DIGNITY AND TOGETHERNESS'; AN EXHIBITION OF FAMILY PORTRAITS BY TOM DORSEY

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- CLASSES PROVIDED: 156
- TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: 1,292
- YOUTH SUMMER CAMP WEEKS PROVIDED: 4
- TEEN ARTIST ACADEMY WEEKS PROVIDED: 4
- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUMMER CA,MP :318

## PARTNERSHIPS

- KENNY LEON'S TRUE COLORS THEATRE COMPANY
- ALLIANCE THEATRE
- DOMINION ENTERTAINMENT
- AXAM DANCE THEATRE EXPERIENCE
- TOTAL DANCE DANCICAL PRODUCTIONS
- I AM ARTS
- BALLETHNIC
- KUUMBA STORYTELLERS OF GEORGIA, INC
- GEORGIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS
- BRONZE LENS FILM FESTIVAL
- NATIONAL BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL
- SEWJOURNERS' QUILTERS GUILD
- AIB NETWORK
- SERENBE
- THE SOCIETY
- TASTE OF SOUTH FULTON

- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TEEN ARTISTS ACADEMY: 41
- EVENTS PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARTNERS: 16
- SOUTHWEST ARTS CENTER EVENTS: 12
- LGBTQ EVENTS: 4
- PATRONS SERVED: 29,908

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# WEST END PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

West End Performing Arts Center is dedicated to bringing quality performing and visual arts programming to the historic West End community, enhancing the quality of life of all Fulton County citizens through the delivery of quality arts education and performing arts programs and providing access to underserved populations. The West End Arts Center presents eight Urban Art Boutiques, a gallery exhibition, annually and presents Sunday Live!, a monthly jazz event, in partnership with Edwin Williams Productions.



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## VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

- URBAN ART BOUTIQUE - EIGHT EXHIBITS PRESENTED
- LISA M. ZUNZANYIKA
- YOUTH ART EXHIBIT
- MUSICIANS ON MARTA
- XERIC
- CORNBREAD KIRK DANCE WEEK
- ALEX FELICIANO
- SISTAGRAPHY

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- CLASSES PROVIDED: 71
- TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED: 1147
- YOUTH SUMMER CAMP WEEKS PROVIDED: 4
- TEEN ARTIST ACADEMY WEEKS PROVIDED: 4
- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SUMMER CAMP: 135
- STUDENTS ENROLLED IN TEEN ARTISTS ACADEMY: 15
- EVENTS PRESENTED: 45
- PATRONS SERVED: 4,267

## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- GALLERY 992
- HAMMONDS HOUSE MUSEUM
- ESSENTIAL THEATRE
- TASILI'S RAW REALITY
- CAFÉ 640
- SHRINE OF THE BLACK MADONNA
- ATLANTA STREETS ALIVE
- MUSIC N THE PARK
- FULTON COUNTY TRAINING CENTER
- METRO ATLANTA CHESS PARTNERS
- MANGA AFRICAN DANCE
- EDWIN WILLIAMS PRODUCTIONS
- PIANOS FOR PEACE

# JOHNS CREEK ARTS CENTER

Johns Creek Arts Center offers classes, camps and workshops in Sculptural and Functional Ceramics, Visual Arts, Photography, Jewelry, and Mosaics for artists of all ages and hosts the largest summer arts camp in Fulton County. Johns Creek Community Arts Center operates under a public/private partnership between the Ocee Community Arts Organization and Fulton County.



## VISUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

### JOHNS CREEK ARTS CENTER GALLERY

- AND STILL WE RISE: WORKS BY AFRICAN AMERICAN PRINTMAKERS
- SOUTHERN CURRENTS: ATLANTA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
- JCAC ADULT STUDENT AND MEMBER EXHIBITION
- HIGH HONORS: WORKS BY HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS
- SUMMER SERENDIPITY: ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION
- JCAC INSTRUCTOR SHOWCASE
- BY MY HAND: SELF TAUGHT ARTISTS
- FALL STUDENT SHOWCASE

### GALLERY AT PARK PLACE SENIOR CENTER

- ARTIST GUILD GROUP SHOW (QUARTERLY ROTATION OF ARTISTS)

### GALLERY AT EMORY JOHNS CREEK HOSPITAL

- ARTIST GUILD GROUP SHOW
- SOLO EXHIBIT – CYNTHIA CORBIN
- SOLO EXHIBIT – SUSAN CALDERON

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- HAMMONDS HOUSE MUSEUM
- AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH LIBRARY
- ABBOTTS HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- STATE BRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- WILSON CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- OCEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- DOLVIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- FINDLEY OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- ESTHER JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- MIMOSA ELEMENTARY
- VICKERY MILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
- MILTON LIBRARY
- ALPHARETTA LIBRARY
- OCEE LIBRARY
- DRAKE HOUSE
- NORTH FULTON COMMUNITY CHARITIES
- CUMMING LIBRARY
- STARHOUSE
- PARK PLACE AT NEWTOWN PARK
- HEARTHSIDE SENIOR LIVING
- COHEN HOME
- BERMAN COMMONS
- EMORY JOHNS CREEK HOSPITAL
- JOHNS CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
- CREATIVE ENTERPRISES

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# 2019 SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## CREATIVE LIKE ME



The Fulton County Departments of Arts & Culture and Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities partnered to present CREATIVE LIKE ME!, a four week arts education program and visual art exhibition featuring the works of individuals living with developmental disabilities.

## LIVING OUT LOUD



The Fulton County Departments of Arts & Culture and Senior Services partnered to present arts education services for seniors. In 2019, Fulton County Arts Centers provided 24 weeks of free art classes with instruction in dance, jewelry making, community chorus, theater, pottery and visual arts. Over 500 seniors received free arts services.

## NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM



The Department of Arts & Culture hosted the 23rd Annual National Arts Program (NAP) Exhibition and Awards in partnership with the NAP Foundation. Artists invited to participate in this exhibition include Fulton County employees and family members. The National Arts Program is pleased to provide materials and funding including awards totaling \$3,450.

## 2019 DANCE WEEK



The Department of Arts and Culture presented a weeklong celebration of dance with free artistic programming throughout the County, showcasing all genres of dance. Programming spanned the community's diverse interests with nine days of dance events which include a variety of styles; ballroom, modern, tap, ballet, hip-hop, voguing and West African

## PIANOS FOR PEACE



Pianos for Peace is an annual festival of music using colorful, painted pianos to inspire artists and unite people. As one of the largest public art display projects in Fulton County, Pianos for Peace features 50 pianos and impact an estimated half a million Atlantans and visitors annually. Fulton County Teen Artists Academy students created concepts and painted pianos during the summer program

## THE KINGS EXHIBITION



West Side/South Side: A Photo Exhibition celebrating American diversity, inspired by Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story. Conceived and curated by Nolan Williams, Jr., the core of this exhibition is derived from student photographers from top media university programs in Washington, D.C. (American University, The University of the District of Columbia), Philadelphia, PA (University of the Arts), and Atlanta, GA (Art Institute of Atlanta, Clark Atlanta University). Fulton County served as a national partner and hosted the exhibition at the Woodruff Arts Center, Beauchamp C. Carr Gallery.

# 2019 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

## NATIONAL BLACK ARTS



NBAF (National Black Arts) is a nonprofit organization with a legacy of providing stellar artistic and educational programs in music, dance, film, visual arts, theater, and the literary arts. Celebrated within and outside of Atlanta, NBAF is recognized as the oldest multidisciplinary arts organization in the United States focused exclusively on the arts and on artists of African descent. Through its annual public programs, world-class performances, commissioned works, visual arts programs, and its arts education and public programs, NBAF offers local, national and international audiences experiences that are extraordinary and enriching.

NBAF was founded by the Fulton County Arts Council under the guidance of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners in Atlanta, Georgia, following a study commissioned in 1986 by Michael Lomax, then Chairman of the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. The first NBAF festival was produced in 1988. In 2008, the United States Congress recognized NBAF for its importance to the “cultural fabric of greater Atlanta and all of America.”

## ALPHARETTA ARTS CENTER



The Department of Arts and Culture partnered with the City of Alpharetta and the Alpharetta Arts Center to extend free arts services to North Fulton residents. Fulton County provided funding for free arts classes for senior residents to participate in the countywide Living Out Loud program and dance workshops during the Fulton County annual celebration of Dance Week.

## ARTS ATL LUMINARY AWARDS



The ARTS ATL Luminary Awards are Atlanta’s premier arts honors, celebrating the social impact, diversity, innovation, leadership and generosity of the local creative community. Fulton County Arts and Culture partnered with ARTS ATL to bestow the 2nd Annual Joan P. Garner Outstanding Service to the Arts award during the 2019 Luminary Awards ceremony, honoring the arts service legacy of the former Fulton County Commissioner. In 2019, the Department of Arts & Culture recognized Marvin Arrington Jr., Fulton County District 5 Commissioner and Theresa M. Howard, dance educator for their dedicated service to the Fulton County arts community.

## HAMMONDS HOUSE MUSEUM



Nestled on a quiet residential street in Atlanta’s historic West End, Hammonds House Museum is a unique setting to explore the cultural diversity and legacy of artists of African descent. The Museum is the former residence of the late Dr. Otis Thrash Hammonds, a prominent Atlanta physician and a passionate arts patron. Shortly after his death in June 1985, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the leadership of Chairman Michael Lomax purchased the house and the collection of 250 artworks which Dr. Hammonds had amassed over the years.

Hammonds House Museum boasts a permanent collection of more than 350 works dating from the mid-19th century by artists from America, Africa, and the Caribbean.

Highlights of the collection include 18 works by master artist Romare Bearden and the oldest known painting by acclaimed landscape artist Robert S. Duncanson. Benny Andrews, Elizabeth Catlett, Sam Gilliam, Richard Hunt, Jacob Lawrence, P.H. Polk, Hale Woodruff, and James Van Der Zee are among the scores of important regional, national, and international artists represented in the collection.

## ATLANTA INFLUENCES EVERYTHING: STORYBOARD



A monthly pop up talk series where the brightest minds share their personal stories of discovery and success. Each story is accompanied by a projected visual storyboard. The Storyboard event series is a free event featuring powerful conversations between industry leaders, on topics that affect our local area and the world.





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