

arlington arts

A Division of Arlington Economic Development

Cultural Affairs Director's Report for the Arlington Commission for the Arts
March 27, 2019

I. Informational:

• Director

- 3409 Artist Studios – Meaghan Kent from Cody Gallery @ Marymount-Ballston met with HOA to discuss a possible Marymount partnership for managing the studios. (Feb 27). No update.
- Kojo Nnamdi Show WAMU March 11 – Michelle Isabelle-Stark and Cynthia Connolly were guests discussing Arlington Art Truck.
- County Board Budget Work Session March 14 – Michelle Isabelle-Stark presented FY 2020 proposed Cultural Affairs Budget (attached).
- Kojo Roadshow: How Gentrification Affects the Arts In D.C. @Arena Stage March 19 – Michelle Isabelle-Stark represented government/cultural affairs.

• Facilities and Technical Services

- Productions supported in the last month
 - Avant Bard: *Top Dog/Under Dog*
 - Opera Nova: *Hansel and Gretel*
 - GMS: *Law and Order/Fairy Tale Unit*—lighting assistance
 - TJMS: *Freaky Friday*—lighting and sound assistance
 - Wakefield: *Chicago*—design work for production opening in May
- Currently under construction in the Scenic Studio:
 - TAP: *Curtains*.
 - Dominion Stage: *PS Your Cat is Dead*
- Next season schedule is in progress.

• Arts Enterprise

- Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts (WALA) workshops at Theatre on the Run. The six-workshop series run on consecutive Wednesdays, starting March 27 until May 1. Please see website: <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/arts-enterprise-institute/>
- Make Your Mark 2019! Partnership with Central Libraries new Maker Space. May 18, 2019, 11-3pm
- Costume Lab dye workshop with DC Modern Quilt Guild, Saturday, March 23, 2019 – 14 participants.
- DC Modern Quilt Guild Gallery 3700 exhibit will close April 1, 2019.

- HB Woodlawn Visual Arts Student show grades 7-12. Gallery 3700 exhibit will be installed on April 4, 2019.
Opening reception at 3700, Room 125, April 9, 2019-6:30-7:30pm. Theme of the exhibit is, *Eco-Creativity*
- Coming up at Lee Arts Center: Ceramic Workshop with Julia Galloway, Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19, 2019 10 am – 5 pm. Workshop is sold out with a waiting list.
- **Cultural Development:**
 - Groovin on The Pike
 - March 1 – Bitter Dose Combo (220 Patrons)
 - April 5 – Los Gallos Negros (Last Show of Season)
 - Art on the ART Bus
 - Immigration/Assimilation Installed on Bus
 - Opening Exhibit at Courthouse March 16 (60 patrons)
 - Programming completed for Lubber Run, Columbia Pike Blues Festival, Rosslyn Jazz.
 - Arlington Art Truck – Second Season Begins April 2 (Discovery Elementary) and April 4 (Drew Model School)
- **Marketing**
 - Washington Post EXPRESS ‘Weekend Pass’ feature article (Thur., Mar. 21) on artist Gail Rehban’s *Immigration/Assimilation* installation for Art on the ART Bus.
 - Completed press releases for Col. Pike Blues Fest, Art Truck, et. Al.
 - Coordinating with Director on her appearance on WAMU 88.5 Kojo Nnamdi Show.
 - Arranging for a correction of Peter Rousselet’s ARLnow column (non-profit vs. Gov’t agency).
 - Continued work on Arts Commission’s visibility social media campaign.
- **Public Art**
 - WMATA is installing new digital screens in Metrorail stations and launching a digital engagement initiative in Spring 2019 to engage its customers in new and dynamic ways.
 - WMATA has invited Arlington Cultural Affairs to submit content which will be displayed for 20 seconds at least every 6 minutes for a period of at least 28 days at 12 stations, including Crystal City, Ballston, Pentagon City, Reagan Airport and Rosslyn.
 - Arlington Cultural Affairs chose images of permanent public art projects and cultural offerings such as the Rosslyn Jazz Festival.
 - Other regional cultural partners invited to participate are the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, National Portrait Gallery, National Museum of Women in the Arts, NOMA Business Improvement District, and the Golden Triangle Business Improvement District.
 - Jennie Dean public art selection process is scheduled to begin in April, following PAC approval of art advisory panel members
 - SPRC updates:
 - 1501 Arlington Boulevard / Best Western – SPRC concluded (County Board April 2019)
 - Washington and Kirkwood – February 2019 (County Board June 2019)
 - 1900 Fort Myer Drive / Rosslyn Holiday Inn – April 2019

- 600 N Glebe Road / Harris Teeter – April 2019
- Crystal Houses – May 2019
- 1900 Crystal Drive - upcoming
- Verizon Site / 400 11th Street S. - upcoming
- Artist Senior Living / N. Taylor Street - upcoming
- Key Bridge Marriott - upcoming

II. Action:

III. Discussion: none