ArtsCONNECT | Projects in Development listing

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Projects in Development listing closes: February 15, 2024
Application deadline: March 7, 2023
Project Period: July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

ACCESSIBILITY

To request accommodation during any phase of your application process, reach out to Program Director, Performing Arts and Accessibility Coordinator Sarah Lewitus at slewitus@midatlanticarts.org or call 410-539-6656 X 110.

ArtsCONNECT PROGRAM LINKS

- Review the ArtsCONNECT guidelines at this link
- Submit your ArtsCONNECT application at this link

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Circus

INDOORS by Professor Aardvark - Rochester, NY

_Circus_

**Web presence:** [https://www.profaard.com/productions/indoors](https://www.profaard.com/productions/indoors)

**Proposed fee range:** Less than or equal to $10,000 USD

**Brief description:** INDOORS is a highly energetic and entertaining show, performed in and around a beautifully designed and ingeniously constructed set of four rotating and oscillating doors. INDOORS is a three-person, four-door farce. Think quick entrances, quick exits, slapstick, highly exaggerated characters, clowns, comedy, live music and a rip-roaring good time.

**Presenter information:**

Ashley Jones  
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Circa - Brisbane, Australia

_Circus_


**Proposed fee range:** Greater than $10,000 USD

**Brief description:** Circa is at the forefront of the new wave of contemporary Australian circus – pioneering how extreme physicality can create powerful and moving performances. It continues to push the boundaries of the art form, blurring the lines between movement, dance, theatre and circus.

**Other links:**


**Presenter information:**

Karen Cromer
Folk & Traditional

Zedashe Ensemble - Sighnaghi, Georgia (country)
Folk & Traditional

Web presence: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIrSh8TNSt0

Proposed fee range: Unknown at this time

Brief description: The artist is Zedashe, a music and dance ensemble from the country of Georgia. They perform traditional Georgian music and dance of the highest caliber.

Other links:
https://www.zedashe.com/gallery

Presenter information:
Emily Miller
Elkins, WV
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Multidisciplinary

Ethel & A Moving Sound: The Wheel of Life - New York, NY & Taipei, Taiwan
Multidisciplinary

Web presence: https://scottprairie.bandcamp.com/album/the-wheel-of-life

Proposed fee range: Greater than $10,000 USD

Brief description: In April 2023, ETHEL and A Moving Sound* from Taiwan came together in New York City and created a unique and touching album entitled "The Wheel of Life". Both groups are known for boldly pushing past the boundaries of their respective contemporary classical and world music genres. Drawing from a vast library of A Moving Sound originals, ETHEL has crafted sometimes subtle, sometimes wildly extroverted arrangements that stir the soul. The music is mystical, magical, and transformative. Virtuosic performances summon the rich power of the ETHEL string experience, supporting soaring vocals from Mia Hsieh, who performs in a striking array of ancient dialects and made-up, fantastical languages, as inspired by her training with Meredith Monk. The concert is an animated
dialogue between voices, strings, dance and ethnic percussion, conveying the breaking apart and reassembling which is the human journey. The experience flows from the intensity of dark nights of the soul with “Mazu, Goddess of the Sea” and “Rite of Passage,” to the introspection of “Water of Life” and the heartache of Hsieh’s vulnerability in “Crying Song.” This serendipitous collaboration, a superband connecting East to West, offers a transcendent experience crossing cultures and genres, a truly inspired theatrical music experience.

Other links:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pzZoRJNLKFBfcccc_Wj0fvhVENCBgRXk9j

Available at the end of October

Presenter information:
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Music
Alena Ciera - Oxon Hill Maryland

Music

Web presence: https://www.alenaciera.com

Proposed fee range: Greater than $10,000 USD

Brief description: Alena Ciera is a multifaceted artist, distinguished as a singer, songwriter, and guitarist, whose musical prowess transcends genres. With a compelling voice that effortlessly weaves through emotive ranges, Alena draws listeners into her world with genuine storytelling and powerful melodies. As a skilled guitarist, Alena adds an additional layer of depth to her performances, showcasing her instrumental talent alongside her captivating vocals. Her compositions, marked by thoughtful lyrics and intricate guitar arrangements, reflect a unique blend of soul, pop, and R&B influences. In collaboration with her ensemble, Alena Ciera creates a harmonious synergy that elevates her music to new heights. The collective energy of the ensemble, combined with Alena’s individual artistry, results in a rich and immersive sonic experience. Follow Alena Ciera's musical journey to explore the evolving landscape of her sound, from soulful ballads to energetic compositions that showcase her versatility as an artist. Through live performances and studio recordings, Alena and her ensemble deliver an authentic and memorable musical experience that resonates with audiences who appreciate genuine talent and artistic expression.

Other links:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1GEOayxd1UHIzvEKVwuGky1gkxRc_CMQq?usp=share_link

Presenter information:
TaeHendrix - Washington, DC

Music

Web presence: @basedkauai on Instagram https://taehendrixdivamob.square.site/

Proposed fee range: Greater than $10,000 USD

Brief description: Grant Proposal: Event As a creative entrepreneur of five years, I will use this grant to curate a creative showcase intended to be a catalyst for Washington D.C’s establishing music artists and small businesses by renting a warehouse venue, hiring a stage/theater crew to build a live installation theater, (with special effects), and create vendor opportunities. The live theater has an expected construction of 3-4 months. With marketing and advertising, we expect at least 300 guests, 5 music participants and 10-15 vendors. With the support of my sponsors at Brackish Waters, Capital District, DC Wheels etc, the remaining grant funds will go into turning the showcase venue into a non-profit creative hub. This non-profit will give children, creatives, and other entrepreneurs the resources to pursue their crafts in a supportive environment. With music, skateboarding, photography and fashion programs, we plan to make an impact in Washington, DC. Within 2 years, planning to extend to different states in the U.S.

Presenter information:

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Puppetry

Epidermis Circus - Victoria, BC, Canada

Puppetry

Web presence: https://www.snafudance.com/epidermis-circus.html

Proposed fee range: Less than or equal to $10,000 USD

Brief description: https://1drv.ms/b/s!AmAQ94vkaMh31WPfKGM54yRfuk8?e=uxNt72

Other links:

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