



Mid Atlantic Arts

West Virginia 2023 Program Year

Arts



Mid Atlantic Arts was established in 1979 to promote and support multi-state arts programming in a region that includes Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, and West Virginia. It is one of six regional arts organizations in the United States, and works in close partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and its member state and jurisdictional arts agencies. Mid Atlantic Arts distinguishes itself through its work in international cultural exchange, model programs in performing arts touring, its knowledge and presence in the jazz field, and its support of folk and traditional arts.

Photo: Kanawha Valley Friends of Old-Time Music and Dance AKA KV Footmad (Charleston, WV) presented Dance of Hope through the Special Presenter Initiatives program. For the public performance, West Side Middle students joined Dance of Hope on stage, shown here dancing in Ugandan traditions. Credit: Jennifer Bauman.

Mission

Mid Atlantic Arts nurtures and funds the creation and presentation of diverse artistic expression and connects people to meaningful arts experiences within our region and beyond.

Vision

Mid Atlantic Arts envisions a future in which artists and creators are actively engaged with diverse communities to energize the transformative power of the arts.

Guiding Principles

- Artistry and creative expression
- Diversity
- Equity and access
- Curiosity and listening
- Partnerships and collaborations

Goals

- Embrace and promote equity, diversity, inclusion, and access.
- Support and strengthen the arts sector.
- Enliven communities through the arts.
- Build internal capacity.



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Programming Activity for West Virginia

July 2022 through June 2023



West Virginia Grantees

Arthurdale Heritage, Inc., Arthurdale
Handing Down our Heritage: Fiber Arts
in Arthurdale, WV (CEXP)

ArtsLink, Inc., New Martinsville
Terrance Simien & the Zydeco
Experience, LA (AC)
Trout Fishing in America, AR (SPI)

Beckley Concert Association, Beckley
Judy Carmichael, NY (SPI)

**Central Appalachia Living Traditions
Community Anchor Site**
Shack Neighborhood House, Inc., Pursglove

Dakota Karper, Capon Bridge
Community Square Dance / Contra Dance Series
with Calling Workshops (CEXP)

Program Key: ArtsCONNECT (AC), Central
Appalachia Living Traditions Folk and Traditional
Arts Experiences Grant (CEXP), Special Presenter
Initiatives (SPI)

Davis & Elkins College, Elkins
Cooking in Community: Foodways Traditions
from Appalachia and Beyond (CEXP)

Doris Fields, Beckley
Those Who Came Before (CEXP)

Eleanor Marshall, Oak Hill
Honoring an Authentic Appalachian Invention
by Pioneer Women: An Intergenerational
Apprenticeship for Learning an
Teaching Salt-rising Bread (CEXP)

**Kanawha Valley Friends of Old-Time
Music and Dance**, Charleston

Dance of Hope, Uganda (SPI)
The Old-Time Winter Breakdown
Weekend (CEXP)

**Pocahontas County Opera House
Foundation**, Marlinton

Michael Winograd & the Honorable
Mentshn, NY (SPI)

Shepherd University, Shepherdstown
Mary Youngblood, CA (SPI)

Step By Step, Inc., Charleston
West Virginia Dreamers Appalachian
Folk and Blues Sessions (CEXP)

West Virginia Board Members
John Strickland, Charleston

Photo: Square dancers lined up for a 'forward
and back' call at the Capon Bridge Square
Dance in June 2023. Credit: Dakota Karper..