

# 2025 Delaware Annual Report

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Image: Mary Halvorson's Amaryllis, Live at Arden Gild Hall. Credit: Joe Del Tufo.



Image: DuPont Brass at the Freeman Arts Pavilion. Credit: Justin Odendhal.

## About Mid Atlantic Arts

Mid Atlantic Arts supports artists, presenters, and organizations through unique programming, grant support, partnerships, and information sharing. Created in 1979, Mid Atlantic Arts is aligned with the region's state arts councils and the National Endowment for the Arts. We combine state and federal funding with private support from corporations, foundations, and individuals to nurture diverse artistic expression while connecting people to meaningful arts experiences within our region and beyond.

### Delaware Board Members

- Jessica Ball, Wilmington
- Lora Bottinelli, Rehoboth Beach

## MISSION

Our mission is to strengthen and serve the arts and culture ecosystem in the mid-Atlantic region by elevating local voices through accessible resources, programs, and partnerships.

## VISION

A thriving and self-sustaining creative economy in the mid-Atlantic region where investment is amplified, creativity and civic life are bridged, and art is a catalyst for community prosperity and well-being.

## VALUES

### CURIOSITY

Learning, exploring, and working with empathy

### COLLABORATION

Building and nurturing purposeful human connections

### EQUITY

Acknowledging and addressing disparities within the arts

### TRUST

Fostering reliability, open communication and transparency in operations

### ACCESSIBILITY

Expanding opportunities for participation in the arts





### ADAPTABILITY

Being open to change and committing to innovation



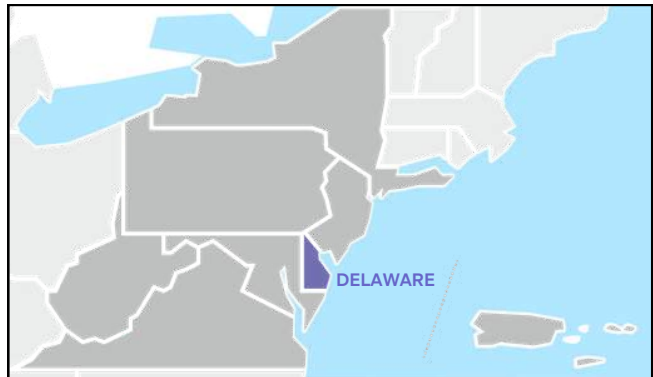
Image: Cultural Sustainability: Community Roots Program Graphic. Credit: Illustration by Uzo Njoku.

# Impact Summary 2025

 <b>\$157,058</b> Investment	 <b>3,262</b> Participants	 <b>15</b> Grants Awarded	 <b>25</b> Events
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Delaware Partnership Support \$30,000



Grantees per city	
Dover	1
Lewes	2
Selbyville	1
Wilmington	11



Image: Alain Perez and his 13-piece Salsa Band. Credit: Joe DelTufo.



Image: Emmanuel Chacon leads Salsa dancing. Credit: Joe DelTufo.

## A True Cultural Exchange

Cityfest, Inc., [Wilmington](#)

“Despite a weather-related venue change to an indoor location, attendance remained strong, and the engagement was lively and uplifting. The interactive performance successfully reached Wilmington’s growing Latino/Hispanic community, encouraging audience participation through dancing, singing, and call-and-response moments. The energy in the room reflected a true cultural exchange, joyful, spontaneous, and deeply connecting for both artists and audience alike”.

**Special Presenter Initiatives: Alain Perez and his 13-piece Salsa Band at Cityfest, Wilmington, DE. September 2025.**



# PY2025 Program participation for Delaware

## Cultural Sustainability: Community Roots

Unrestricted operational support to arts organizations founded by, with, and for communities of color allowing them to sustain and expand their practices, benefiting the communities they serve.

Organization Primary Benefit	Amount
NATIVE ROOTS FARM FOUNDATION, WILMINGTON	\$47,000
WILMINGTON CHILDREN'S CHORUS, INC., WILMINGTON	\$67,000

## Jazz Touring Network

Presenter-based membership program supporting professional development, partnerships, and and working together to curate tours that reflect the richness of the field of jazz.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
ARDEN CLUB, INC., WILMINGTON	Mary Halvorson's Amaryllus	\$3,000
CITYFEST, INC., WILMINGTON	Jonathan Barber & Vision Ahead	\$2,000

## Mid Atlantic Folk and Traditional Arts Community Projects

Funds projects that sustain traditional arts and cultural communities in the region, including public performances, exhibitions, workshops, and collaborations.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
DELAWARE ACADEMY OF VOCAL ARTS, WILMINGTON	Spirituals: America's Black Folk Music	\$5,600

## Mid Atlantic Tours

Brings exemplary performing arts ensembles to communities across the mid-Atlantic region. Presenters can book an artist from the annual roster and receive grant support toward the artist fee.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
CITYFEST, INC., WILMINGTON	The Experience Band & Show	\$3,000
JOSHUA M. FREEMAN FOUNDATION, SELBYVILLE	The Experience Band & Show	\$5,350

## Special Presenter Initiatives

SPI supports performing arts engagements at small and mid-size arts and community organizations in DC, DE, PR, USVI, and WV.

Organization Primary Benefit	Artist/Provider of Services	Amount
CHRISTINA CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, INC., <b>WILMINGTON</b>	88 Time	\$4,000
CITYFEST, INC., <b>WILMINGTON</b>	Alain Perez and his 13-piece Salsa Band	\$4,000
CITYFEST, INC., <b>WILMINGTON</b>	Malina Moye	\$4,000
COASTAL CONCERTS, INC., <b>LEWES</b>	Seraph Brass	\$2,800
COASTAL CONCERTS, INC., <b>LEWES</b>	WindSync	\$2,800
DELAWARE ACADEMY OF VOCAL ARTS, <b>WILMINGTON</b>	Coty Raven Morris	\$2,750
DELAWARE ACADEMY OF VOCAL ARTS, <b>WILMINGTON</b>	Vinroy D. Brown Jr.	\$2,750
DELAWARE FRIENDS OF FOLK, <b>DOVER</b>	The Plate Scrapers	\$1,008

## The National Leaders of Color Fellowships cohort 2024-2025

The National Leaders of Color Fellowships builds multicultural leadership in the arts,

**ALISHAH WATSON, WILMINGTON**

# IMAGINE NEXT

Strategic Plan  
2025-2029



## Model

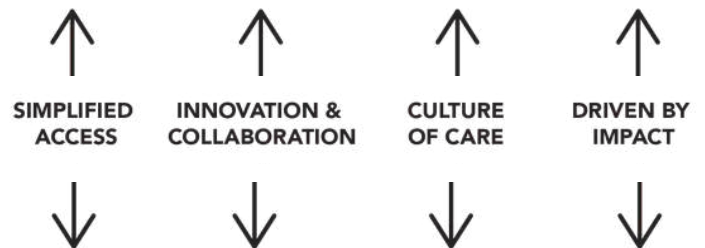
### FOCUS AREAS

#### WHAT WE DO

1. Elevating Local Voices
2. Learning, Connecting, and Convening
3. Working Towards a Sustainable Ecosystem

### OPERATIONAL PILLARS

#### HOW WE DO IT



### NEW HORIZONS

#### WHAT COMES NEXT

- A. From Hyper Local to Global
- B. Art and Technology
- C. Cross-Sector Development