

Panelists, while waiting for the meeting to begin, we invite you to:

- 1. Consider your verbal introduction: name & art form.
- 2. Silence or stow electronic devices not being used for this meeting be present in the (virtual) space.
- 3. Gather materials and any drinks/snacks. We will break periodically throughout the meeting process.



FY24 Grants for Organizations Panel Meeting

Theatre (Group 2) Tuesday, March 28, 2023



Reference Shot of Features (1 of 2)









Introductions



Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge the lands and waters now known as Maryland are the home of its first peoples: the Accohannock Indian Tribe, Assateague People's Tribe, Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, Choptico Band of Indians, Lenape Tribe, Nanticoke Tribe, Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians, Piscataway Conoy Tribe, Piscataway Indian Nation, Pocomoke Indian Nation, Susquehannock Indians, Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee, and tribes in the Chesapeake watershed who have seemingly vanished since the coming of colonialism. We acknowledge that this land is now home to other tribal peoples living here in diaspora. We acknowledge the forced removal of many from the lands and waterways that nurtured them as kin. We acknowledge the degradation that continues to be wrought on the land and waters in pursuit of resources. We acknowledge the right of the land and waterways to heal so that they can continue to provide food and medicine for all. We acknowledge that it is our collective obligation to pursue policies and practices that respect the land and waters so that our reciprocal relationship with them can be fully restored.



Equity and Justice Statement

The arts celebrate our state's diversity, connect our shared humanity, and transform individuals and communities. The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) and its supporting collaborators are committed to advancing and modeling equity, diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of our organizations and across communities of our state.

MSAC and its grantees are committed to embracing equity and non-discrimination regardless of race, religious creed, color, age, gender expression, sexual orientation, class, language, and/or ability.



Vision

The Maryland State Arts Council plays an essential role ensuring every person has access to the transformative power of the arts.

Mission

Maryland State Arts Council advances the arts in our state by providing leadership that champions creative expression, diverse programming, equitable access, lifelong learning, and the arts as a celebrated contributor to the quality of life for all the people of Maryland.



Goal 1. Increase Participation: Broaden MSAC's constituency, providing avenues designed to increase pathways to engagement

Goal 2. Provide Intentional Support: Embrace thoughtful and targeted approaches to serving known and yet to be known MSAC constituents **Goal 3. Build Capacity:** Work strategically to further build organizational and governance capacity to ensure that MSAC is capable of vigorously delivering on its mission

Goal 4. Leverage Connections: Further enhance current relationships and involve additional partners, collaborators, and constituents who will benefit from and advance the work of MSAC

Goal 5. Bolster Maryland Arts: Showcase the high caliber, diverse and relevant work of Maryland's artists and arts organizations; their contributions to community vitality and MSAC's role as a catalyst



Creative Meeting Actions

- **Celebrate** being in the space with other creative people.
- **Engage** with everyone's presence as a gift.
- Acknowledge that together we know a lot.
- Enter the conversation with curiosity and inquiry.
- Share your idea and trust that it will be heard.
- Use "I" statements.
- Focus your language on the task at hand.
- Hold one another accountable with care.
- **Apply** "Yes, and!" "I hear your idea and I'm going to add to it!" **Balance** speaking and listening.



Equity: Impact vs. Grant Writing

The application is meant to inspire authentic reflection and internal analysis for each applying organization, with the knowledge that the Maryland State Arts Council is to be seen and utilized as a collaborative partner in the process.

One aspect of the partnership is to guide panelists to see beyond the "polish" of grant writing that may be inequitably influenced by the privilege of resources (financial, educational, etc...) and, instead, focus upon the impact of the applicant.

Further information on driving goals for the grant making process are detailed within the application, which can be found on msac.org



Responses as Recommendations

"The strategic plan was unclear and did not speak to the organization's mission and goals"

Becomes:

"I would recommend that the organization clarifies the strategic plan by adding language that connects directly to the mission, vision, and goals"



Today's Goal

Arrive at a final average score for 23 applications in the Theatre discipline.

The panel % score will directly impact the funding formula: Allowable Income x Panel % x cap allocation % = Grant Award



Panel Meeting Structure

- 2 minutes: Artistic Activity Panelist
- 2 minutes: In-Depth Conversation Panelist
- 4 minutes: Discussion new information to add; new perspective to share; additional questions
- PD will share additional thoughts/recommendations
- 3 minutes: Scoring submission in Smart Simple for Final Score

We will take breaks periodically throughout the day

Timing is subject to change



Practice Round!



Applicant Organization: 1Maryland State Arts Council

Application ID #: - 23656

Average Initial Score: 85%

Average Final Score: 87%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Panelist #1 Name Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Panelist #2 Name



Applicant Organization: Fluid Movement

Application ID #: 2024-18772

Average Initial Score: 79%

Average Final Score: 79%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Vicki Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Amanda



Applicant Organization: Flying V

Application ID #: 2024-18769

Average Initial Score: 96%

Average Final Score: 98%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Pam Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Applicant Organization: Hippodrome Foundation

Application ID #: 2024-17863

Average Initial Score: 83%

Average Final Score: 83%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Vicki Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Applicant Organization: Imagination Stage

Application ID #: 2024-18612

Average Initial Score: 95%

Average Final Score: 99%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Vicki

Conflict: Pam



Applicant Organization: InterAct Story Theatre Education Association

Application ID #: 2024-17728

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 95%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Amanda Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Amanda



BREAK



Applicant Organization: Iron Crow Theatre Company

Application ID #: 2024-18399

Average Initial Score: 85%

Average Final Score: 88%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Amanda Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Vicki



Applicant Organization: Lumina Studio Theatre Company

Application ID #: 2024-17567

Average Initial Score: 93%

Average Final Score: 94%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Pam Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Applicant Organization: Maryland Ensemble Theatre

Application ID #: 2024-17653

Average Initial Score: 88%

Average Final Score: 90%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Amanda Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Applicant Organization: Milburn Stone Theatre at Cecil College

Application ID #: 2024-17573

Average Initial Score: 82%

Average Final Score: 87%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Amanda



Applicant Organization: Olney Theatre

Application ID #: 2024-17614

Average Initial Score: 98%

Average Final Score: 98%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Pam Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: David



Applicant Organization: Other Voices

Application ID #: 2024-18916

Average Initial Score: 68%

Average Final Score: 64%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Vicki





Applicant Organization: Port Tobacco Players

Application ID #: 2024-18642

Average Initial Score: 86%

Average Final Score: 81%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Amanda Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Vicki



Applicant Organization: Potomac Playmakers

Application ID #: 2024-18183

Average Initial Score: 84%

Average Final Score: 85%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Pam Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Applicant Organization: Puppet Co.

Application ID #: 2024-18825

Average Initial Score: 91%

Average Final Score: 95%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Amanda

Conflict: Pam



BREAK



Applicant Organization: Rockville Musical Theatre

Application ID #: 2024-18792

Average Initial Score: 65%

Average Final Score: 68%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Applicant Organization: Round House Theatre

Application ID #: 2024-17568

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 96%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: David



Applicant Organization: Silhouette Stages, Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-18187

Average Initial Score: 88%

Average Final Score: 86%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Vicki Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Vicki



Applicant Organization: Silver Spring Stage

Application ID #: 2024-18701

Average Initial Score: 74%

Average Final Score: 77%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Pam Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Amanda



Applicant Organization: The British Players

Application ID #: 2024-18616

Average Initial Score: 76%

Average Final Score: 76%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Amanda



Applicant Organization: The Everyman Theatre

Application ID #: 2024-17569

Average Initial Score: 96%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Amanda Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: David



BREAK



Applicant Organization: The Newtowne Players

Application ID #: 2024-17597

Average Initial Score: 79%

Average Final Score: 82%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: David Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: David



Applicant Organization: Vagabond Players, Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-17766

Average Initial Score: 86%

Average Final Score: 88%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Amanda Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: David



Applicant Organization: WombWork Productions, Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-18237

Average Initial Score: 90%

Average Final Score: 91%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Vicki Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Pam



Thank You!

The panel % score will directly impact the funding formula:

Allowable Income x Panel % x Cap allocation % = Grant Award



Next Steps

Panelist Feedback Session - Tuesday, April 11th, 12pm - 1pm

- Option for sharing digitally as well (link will be sent)
- Be sure to upload completed W9 to Smart Simple to ensure timely payment. Invoices will be submitted during the week of April 10 (following all Panel Meetings)