

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

Folk & Traditional Arts Tuesday, April 4, 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 21 applications in the combined Folk & Traditional Arts 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: 90%

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



Applicant Organization: Baltimore Folk Music Society, The

Application ID #: 2024-18531

Average Initial Score: 82%

Average Final Score: 84%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Oré Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Margaret



Applicant Organization: Carpe Diem Arts

Application ID #: 2024-18765

Average Initial Score: 98%

Average Final Score: 99%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Dorit Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Oré



Applicant Organization: City of Salisbury

Application ID #: 2024-17295

Average Initial Score: 67%

Average Final Score: 75%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Margaret Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Dorit



Applicant Organization: Educarte Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-17007

Average Initial Score: 96%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Oré Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Melissa



BREAK



Applicant Organization: Hammond Harwood House Assoc. Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-18712

Average Initial Score: 91%

Average Final Score: 91%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Margaret Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Dorit



Applicant Organization: Havre de Grace Decoy Museum

Application ID #: 2024-18800

Average Initial Score: 70%

Average Final Score: 76%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Margaret Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Melissa



Applicant Organization: Historic Annapolis Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-17343

Average Initial Score: 92%

Average Final Score: 94%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Dorit Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Margaret



Applicant Organization: Institute of Musical Traditions

Application ID #: 2024-18860

Average Initial Score: 78%

Average Final Score: 83%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Melissa Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Margaret



Applicant Organization: Jewish Museum of Maryland

Application ID #: 2024-18791

Average Initial Score: 80%

Average Final Score: 90%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Oré Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Margaret



Applicant Organization: Kalanidhi Dance

Application ID #: 2024-18311

Average Initial Score: 98%

Average Final Score: 98%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Margaret Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Oré



Applicant Organization: Kolot Halev

Application ID #: 2024-18622

Average Initial Score: 82%

Average Final Score: 90%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Dorit Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Melissa



BREAK



Applicant Organization: Maryland African American Museum Corp. (The Reginald F. Lewis Museum)

Application ID #: 2024-17279

Average Initial Score: 82%

Average Final Score: 87%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Oré Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Dorit



Applicant Organization: Maryland Center for History and Culture

Application ID #: 2024-17578

Average Initial Score: 88%

Average Final Score: 90%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Melissa Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Oré



Applicant Organization: National Council for the Traditional Arts

Application ID #: 2024-18694

Average Initial Score: 93%

Average Final Score: 94%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Dorit Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Oré



Applicant Organization: Nuestras Raices Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-17273

Average Initial Score: 66%

Average Final Score: 85%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Melissa Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Margaret



Applicant Organization: Sankofa Childrens Museum of African Cultures

Application ID #: 2024-18838

Average Initial Score: 94%

Average Final Score: 96%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Oré Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Melissa



BREAK



Applicant Organization: Sutradhar Institute of Dance and Related Arts (SIDRA)

Application ID #: 2024-18447

Average Initial Score: 84%

Average Final Score: 90%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Dorit Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Margaret



Applicant Organization: Towson University - Asian Arts & Culture Center

Application ID #: 2024-18101

Average Initial Score: 93%

Average Final Score: 95%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Melissa Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Dorit



Applicant Organization: Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art (Ward Foundation)

Application ID #: 2024-18840

Average Initial Score: 81%

Average Final Score: 83%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Margaret Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Dorit



Applicant Organization: Washington Revels Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-18056

Average Initial Score: 96%

Average Final Score: 97%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Margaret Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Oré



Applicant Organization: Waterfowl Festival Inc.

Application ID #: 2024-18684

Average Initial Score: 84%

Average Final Score: 86%

Panelist - Artistic Activity Visit: Dorit Panelist - In-Depth Conversation: Melissa

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Thank You!

The panel % score will directly impact the funding formula:

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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)