

Cultural Affairs Director's Report for the Arlington Commission for the Arts
April 26, 2017

Administration

- County Board meeting April 22, TJ Parking update
 - Katie Cristol introduced an amendment to the use permit that calls for APS and CAD staff to work on a Temporary Relocation Plan for Arts Productions. Recognizing that the elementary school's construction will eliminate the 213 parking spots adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Theater and therefore impact productions, the Board directed the County Manager to work with the Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools on a temporary relocation plan. During construction, theater productions can be moved temporarily to performance facilities at Gunston and Kenmore middle schools, and Wakefield and Washington-Lee high schools. The plan will be updated annually, and will include dates, times and locations for load-in, rehearsals, performances and strike, as necessary, depending on the needs of the production.
 - Hal and Michelle meet with APS staff 4/27.
- CAD staff updates
 - Deirdre Ehlen has returned from maternity leave.
- 4MRV
 - April 4 6:30 pm Parks Operations Bldg., 2700 S. Taylor - Ruby Harper, Director of Local Arts Services for AFTA, presented on Arts Districts.
- Arts Innovation Lab
 - Beginning in FY2018 CAD will begin offering Maker Events, Creative Economy Events, and Technical Theatre Workshops at 3700 S Four Mile Run one weekend each month TBD by Hal and Toni. We want to ensure the space is activated so that 1) the public becomes more familiar with the facility and surroundings, 2) Staff can share expertise with broader public including students, and 3) The facility is available to artists, crafters, and creative entrepreneurs who have something to offer the public but may not be eligible for the County grant program.
- Artspace – We expected a report in early April. Delayed until early May.

Facilities

We are currently or have recently (April on):

- Support for productions at Thomas Jefferson Theatre, Theatre on the Run and Gunston Theatres One and Two (*Asterisks indicate productions built in Cultural Affairs Scenic Studio):
 - Jane Franklin Dance Company—*Barrier*
 - ETC/Artstream—two musicals performed by special needs adults.
 - The Arlington Players—*She Loves Me**
 - Peter's Alley—*I Ought To Be In Pictures.*
 - Encore Stage and Studio—*The Tempest**
- Support for concerts and events at Rosslyn Spectrum Theater
 - Global Phonic—*Cambalache*
 - Teatro de la Luna—*Tribute to the Caribbean.*
- Support for rental events at Rosslyn Spectrum
 - McLean Bible Church
 - State Department OIG
 - Kaven Natakosava 2018
- Support for other Programming events
 - American Family Poetry Fest
 - *The Poet is In* events.
- Working with DES and APS on replacement of architectural lighting in Gunston Theatres One and Two with LED fixtures.
- Upgrading Gunston Theatre One performance lighting with LED fixtures.
- Planning for the 2017-18 theater season.
- Planning for APS educational partnership for next year
- Planning for Arts Innovation Lab.

Public Art (See Public Art Committee meeting minutes from March 7)

Cultural Development/Programming (distributed rack cards)

- April 6 - Cambalache @ Spectrum. 224 attendees
- April 6 - Art on the Art Bus featuring Negar Ahkami – 26 on bus to Arlington Arts Center
- April - Poet Is In - 8 sessions in various locations throughout County in April (Westover, Central, CPike, CPike Farmers Market)
 - April 8 - Arlington Poetry Festival @ Central Library. Partnership with APL Very successful
 - April 9 - Moving Words Winners @ Iota Very successful. Katie Cristol in attendance.
- April 19 - 3700 Gallery Opening with HB Woodlawn School
- April 30 - Artist Walk with Graham Coreil Allen - Lee Hwy
- May 7 - Artist Walk with Graham Coreil Allen – Courthouse
- May 19-21 - Full Dome Pojection w Kelly Bell @ David M Brown Planetarium.
- May 21 - Artist Walk with Graham Coriel Allen - Columbia Pike
- June 16 - Lubber Run Opening

- June 17 - Columbia Pike Blues Festival featuring Grammy nominee / Soul Legend Bettye LaVette, Expanded Art Island activities and crafters, and kids art activities in partnership with Arlington Arts Center.

Art Enterprise

- CostumeLab
 - May 11 - Fabric Dying Workshop, Cultural Affairs Staff - Techniques: Shibori, Indigo Natural Dye, Scrunching!
 - Ongoing - Lecture: History of Fashion in the 20th Century: Partners: Arlington CostumeLab and DPR Senior Centers.
- Lee Arts Center
 - Nature's Grasp Printmaking Portfolio & Exchange, April 13-May 31. A MUST SEE exhibit!!
 - Workshop: Clay as Canvas with Shanna Fliegel | April 29 - 30
 - Workshop: Dynamic Surfaces & Storytelling with Grace Sheese | May 20 -21
 - Summer hiatus of bi-monthly - Sit & Stitch Knitting & Crocheting: Arlington CostumeLab and Lee Arts Center (for members). Programming will resume in October, 2017.
- Artists and Arts Organizations Professional Development and Support
 - April 22, 2017 Grants Day
 - Capacity Building Workshops: (3) Taught by Richard Brewster. Final workshop May 1, 2017.
 - The Arts Meet! launched April 24 at Liberty Tavern in Clarendon. The event was very well attended with approximately 20 participants. The Arts Meet is a monthly meet-up gathering of artists, arts and cultural organizations at different location throughout Arlington County.