



ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

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### **ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART RECEIVES 'CARES ACT' GRANT FUNDING FROM GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS**

AMA Is Awarded \$15,000 'Resiliency Grant' by GCA

**[For Release July 9, 2020 – Albany, GA]** — The Albany Museum of Art has been awarded a \$15,000 Resiliency Grant by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Sixty-three Georgia arts organizations in all 14 Congressional districts will receive a one-time competitive grant funded through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. As a State Arts Agency, the Georgia Council for the Arts was designated to distribute these "Resiliency Grant" funds from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to help sustain Georgia's nonprofit arts sector.

"Georgia arts organizations are an economic engine, and a collective of visionary leadership that has brought us together as one community, to heal, remember, confront challenges, and triumphantly celebrate joy," said Georgia Council for the Arts Executive Director Karen Paty. "They comprise an industry devastated by COVID-19 and worth supporting and fighting for.

"We are grateful for the federal support of this essential industry, and while we wish we were able to support all of the organizations that sought this support, we are delighted to be able to fund a small portion of a resiliency plan for the 63 organizations that we are able to fund."

In April, the NEA awarded 40% of the agency's funding provided by Congress in the CARES Act, nearly \$30 million, to state and territorial arts agencies and regional arts organizations for their funding programs to ensure wide distribution throughout the country.

Georgia received \$507,900 in CARES Act funding, which Georgia Council for the Arts utilized for its Resiliency Grant. An additional \$60,000 was awarded to GCA from South Arts to support rural and/or culturally specific organizations through this program.

One hundred and seventy-one organizations submitted applications for this grant program, requesting a total of \$1.78 million. Georgia Council for the Arts today announced recipients of these competitive grants to nonprofit arts organizations across Georgia.

AMA Executive Director Andrew James Wulf, Ph.D., said, “We at the AMA are deeply honored to receive these funds, which shall prove essential toward the ongoing smooth running of the museum. We value our partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts, and with this funding support we shall be able to ensure staff retention and operational support that would not otherwise be forthcoming. This shall enable us to continue to offer engaging programs to the people of Southwest Georgia and its visitors, who remain our reason for being.”

Upon review of applications, final selections were determined by Peer Review Panels, which included fellow professionals who are experienced in the arts discipline or type of grant being reviewed; or are Georgia citizens with a record of involvement in arts activities, experience and knowledge.

### **CURRENT AMA EXHIBITIONS**

- *JUAN LOGAN: creating & collecting* is in the Haley Gallery July 9-Oct 24, 2020.
- *Works by Brian Willmont* is in the East Gallery July 9-Oct 24, 2020.
- *Viberations of Pasaquan* is in the West Gallery July 9-Oct 24, 2020.

### **ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART**

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Georgia, adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, reopened to members on July 9. On July 17, the AMA will reopen to the general public. Normal operation hours 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays-Fridays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, [www.albanymuseum.com](http://www.albanymuseum.com) or call 229.439.8400. Be sure to follow the @AlbanyArtMuseum on Twitter, AlbanyMuseum on Instagram and AlbanyMuseumOfArt on Facebook.

### **ABOUT GEORGIA COUNCIL OF ARTS**

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) is a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development whose mission is to cultivate the growth of vibrant, thriving Georgia communities through the arts. GCA provides grant funding, programs and services statewide that support the vital arts industry, preserve the state’s cultural heritage, increase tourism and nurture strong communities. Funding for Georgia Council for the Arts is provided by appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts. [www.gaarts.org](http://www.gaarts.org)

### **ABOUT GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) is the state’s sales and marketing arm, the lead agency for attracting new business investment, encouraging the expansion of existing industry and small businesses, align workforce education and training with in-demand jobs, locating new markets for Georgia products, attracting tourists to Georgia, and promoting the state as a destination for arts and location for film, music and digital entertainment projects, as well as planning and mobilizing state resources for economic development. [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org)

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