



ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

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### **ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART RECEIVES GRANT FROM GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS**

#### Grant to AMA Provides Funding to Help Recovery from COVID Shutdowns

**[For Release Aug 25, 2022 – Albany, GA]**— The Albany Museum of Art was awarded a grant by Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA), a strategic arm of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, as part of its initial disbursement of grants for Fiscal Year 2023.

A total of 213 organizations were awarded 253 grants that provide more than \$3.1 million in funding to arts organizations throughout the state. The Bridge Grant will provide operating support funding to 134 organizations, the Project Grant will help fund 59 arts projects, and the Arts Education Program Grant will be distributed to 60 organizations.

“The arts sector has proven its resilience over the last two years, and it has played a major role in restarting the economy through attracting tourism, bringing communities back together, and aiding classroom learning as we inspire the workforce of the future,” said Georgia Council for the Arts Executive Director Tina Lilly. “The 253 grants we have awarded will help cities and organizations bring people more back to work while enhancing the qualities that make Georgia so special.”

The AMA was awarded a \$30,000 Bridge Grant to help with recovery from COVID shutdowns.

“The AMA is honored to be the recipient of this critical funding,” Andrew J. Wulf, Ph.D., executive director of the AMA, said. “Like many arts organizations, we are able to weather these turbulent times of pandemic, inflation, and political unrest through this type of tangible support and through our conviction that a meaningful experience of the arts is essential and fundamental to life. This funding shall further support our goal never to tire from our work to recognize, strengthen, and empower the communities we serve.”

Funds awarded by Georgia Council for the Arts include appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) uses Peer Review Panels to judge and review applications following standard practices set by the National Endowment for the Arts. Panelists are GCA Council members and fellow professionals who are experienced in the arts discipline or type of grant being reviewed, or are citizens with a record of arts activities, experience, and knowledge. Grant recipients include theaters, dance companies, museums, cities, colleges, and multi-discipline arts entities.

## **ABOUT GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS**

Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) is a strategic arm 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. Visit [www.gaarts.org](http://www.gaarts.org) for more information.

## **ABOUT GDECED**

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDECED) 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, 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. Visit [www.georgia.org](http://www.georgia.org) for more information.

## **AMA EXHIBITIONS**

- *Fighters for Freedom: William H. Johnson Picturing Justice* is in The Haley Gallery, Sept 1-Dec 10, 2022. Organized by the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Generous support is provided by Art Bridges.
- *Wayna: Her Dreams of Ethiopia, Works by Tracy Murrell* is in the East Gallery, Sept 1, 2022- Jan 7, 2023.
- *Georgia Artists Guild of Albany, 29th Juried Exhibition* is in the McCormack Gallery, Sept 1, 2022- Jan 7, 2023.

## **AMA EVENTS**

- *AMA ChalkFest*, Nov 19, 2022, 10 am-5 pm, Front Street and Veterans Park Amphitheater. Admission is free. [www.amachalkfest.com](http://www.amachalkfest.com).

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

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Ga., adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open to the public 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. 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.

**CAPTION INFORMATION**

Campers work on an art project at a 2022 summer art camp at the Albany Museum of Art. The AMA has been awarded a Bridge Grant by Georgia Council for the Arts. (Photo: Albany Museum of Art/Jim Hendricks)

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