

2014 Strauss Artist Awards Opportunity



Photos from left to right of the 2013 Strauss Award recipients: *Fluid # 8*, © 2011; Acrylic on mylar and fiberglass rods; 18" x 32" x 4.5"; Rebecca Kamen; Ballett Magdeburg (Germany) in performance the Prologue of Boots by Pascale Arndtz, Diane Coburn Bruning; *Shenandoah Suite* at Washington and Lee University courtesy of Mark Bergman

Fairfax County, VA – The Arts Council of Fairfax County announces the callout for the seventh annual Strauss Artist Awards. The Arts Council will award three \$5,000 grants to recognize professional working artists' achievements and their demonstrated history of accomplishments, while promoting their continued pursuit of creative work.

The application deadline for the 2014 Strauss Artist Awards is Wednesday, January 15, 2014. The guidelines and application materials can be found on the [Arts Council's website](#).

Diane Coburn Bruning, artistic director for the Chamber Dance Project and 2013 Strauss Award recipient, said: "The Strauss Artist Award enabled me to start on a new male duet I had been wanting to create, which will be previewed in our October 19 event with Ballet Nova as their new Resident Company. It will continue to be developed into a dance film short," she said. "The Strauss Fellowship helped me initiate these projects which will be a part of Chamber Dance Project's season next June."

The Arts Council will host a free grant writing workshop for applicants from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Reston Community Center, The Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston, Virginia. A second grant preparation webinar will be offered at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The Strauss Artist Awards, named for Bill Strauss (1947-2007), gifted writer, cofounder of the Capitol Steps and the Cappies, are an investment in the sustained growth and development of the arts in Fairfax County, as well as a way to honor artists' commitment to an artistic discipline and their contributions to the quality of life in Fairfax County.

The Strauss Artist Award grants are selected through a competitive review process where the recipients are determined by their work's merit. No specific project needs to be carried out with the funds granted. Fairfax County based artists in all disciplines including visual arts, creative writing, theatre, dance performance and choreography, film and new media, music composition and performance are eligible to apply.

About the Arts Council of Fairfax County

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all forms of art in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

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