

## **Honoring Outstanding Educators, Leaders, and Philanthropists in the Arts.**

**The Arts Council of Fairfax County presents the 2014 Arts Awards.**

*Fairfax County, VA* – On Friday, October 24, 2014 from noon to 2:00pm, the Arts Council of Fairfax County will present the annual Arts Awards at the Fairview Park Marriott, located at 3111 Fairview Park Drive, in Falls Church, Virginia 22042. The event recognizes the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as the private sector, that supports the arts in Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.



*Joe Ritchey, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Arts Council of Fairfax County, addressing the crowds during the 2013 Arts Awards.*

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The 2014 Arts Awards will present awards in four categories; which includes the Jinx Hazel Arts Award presented to **Mr. William F. Reeder** and **Mr. Richard Kamenitzer**; the Arts Impact Award to **Greater Reston Arts Center**; the Arts Education Award to **Cappies of the National Capitol Area (Cappies NCA)**; and the Arts Philanthropy Award to **Mrs. Patricia and Mr. Steve Macintyre** of Macintyre Electronic Design Associates (MEDA). The arts awardees were selected by the Arts Council and community representatives. Nominations were received from the public.

**“This year’s Arts Awards celebrate leadership and innovation with a strong focus on arts education,”** said Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County. **“The arts are a powerful tool; central to human development; a global language everyone can connect to; and critical in shaping strong communities. We look forward to gathering on October 24<sup>th</sup> to show our appreciation to the individuals and organizations who have spent their careers making Fairfax a better place through the arts,”** Sullivan continued.

### **Jinx Hazel Arts Award**

The 2014 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to **William F. Reeder** and **Richard Kamenitzer** of George Mason University (GMU). Together they have built one of the strongest higher education programs for the arts and arts management in the country, training hundreds of artists in all disciplines and arts administrators, sending young professionals out to create new arts programs and to sustain local arts organizations in Fairfax communities.

Mr. Reeder's ability to connect multiple sectors of Fairfax County — government, business, and academic institutions — has resulted in making the arts more accessible to the community in Fairfax County and has enabled Fairfax residents to feel more engaged in the arts. Mr. Kamenitzer created the arts management program and *Board Member's Institute*; training hundreds of arts managers and providing workshop opportunities in key non-profit governance issues to Fairfax 501c3 arts organizations.

Mr. Reeder and Mr. Kamenitzer individually and as a team have done much to move the arts forward in Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia region. Their impact — through formal education as well as community reach and service — has been a major builder of the arts in the County.

### **Arts Impact Award**

The 2014 Arts Impact Award will be presented to the **Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE)**. Over the past forty years GRACE has enriched community life by promoting involvement and excellence in contemporary visual arts, serving 80,000 people annually through a year-round schedule of contemporary visual art exhibitions, education programs for all ages, and special events including the annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival which features over 200 juried artists attracting thousands of patrons every year.

Since its inception, GRACE has mounted over 250 exhibitions, presenting the work of countless local, regional, and national artists. Its signature arts education program, *GRACE Art*, has been impacting schools in the Northern Virginia regional community for over 20 years, reaching over 20,000 elementary students and 2,000 parent volunteers annually. *GRACE Art* fosters a fundamental appreciation of art, encouraging students to develop cultural awareness and seek out aesthetic experiences and allows parents who love art to share that passion with their children as volunteers for the program.

### **Arts Education Award**

The 2014 Arts Education Award will be presented to **Cappies of the National Capitol Area (Cappies NCA)** for their innovations in arts education. The Cappies, a national theatre arts and awards program for high school students, was created by Fairfax County residents Bill Strauss, author of *Millennials Rising: The Next Great Generation* and founder of *The Capitol Steps* and Judy Bowns, Fairfax County Public Schools theatre resource teacher.

The Cappies program encompasses many arts forms ranging from writing, music, dance, acting, and visual arts, in addition to teaching participants about theatre production, journalism and collaboration. Student accomplishments are recognized at the end of the season, culminating in a self-juried awards ceremony at the Kennedy Center Gala. Since its inception in 1999, thousands of aspiring high school students have been trained and now in its 15th year, Cappies's graduates are becoming teachers in the arts, professional artists, and theatre technicians in addition to the many audience members with fond memories of high school plays who understand the importance of arts education.

## Arts Philanthropy Award

The 2014 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to **Mrs. Patricia and Mr. Steve Macintyre** for their tireless support and public service to community arts during the past three decades. Mrs. and Mr. Macintyre are the CFOs of Macintyre Electronic Design Associates (MEDA), a magnetometer manufacturer for space, defense and geophysical applications.

The Macintyres have supported organizations such as the Council for the Arts of Herndon, Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts, League of Reston Artists, and Initiative for Public Art Reston, and helped grow a thriving local arts community providing enriching experiences for residents in Herndon and Reston. Lead support from the Macintyres for arts programming such as *Art In Public Places* and the *Technology and the Arts Scholarships* in Herndon reaches thousands of County residents and hundreds of high school students annually.

To obtain more information on the 2014 Arts Awards, visit <http://artsfairfax.org/arts-awards>

**Who:** Six awardees announced; Mr. William F. Reeder and Mr. Richard Kamenitzer; Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE); Cappies of the National Capitol Area (Cappies NCA); and Mrs. Patricia and Mr. Steve Macintyre

**What:** 2014 Arts Awards

**When:** October 24, 2014, from noon to 2:00pm

**Where:** Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042

**Why:** To celebrate outstanding achievements, leadership, and support to the arts in Fairfax County.

**Tables and individual tickets to the event can be purchased by visiting our website at <http://artsfairfax.org/artsawards> or contacting Janay Turner, Business Manager, of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, at [artsawards@artsfairfax.org](mailto:artsawards@artsfairfax.org) or (703) 642-0862 x2.**

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### 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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