

Board of Supervisors recognized Arts Council of Fairfax County for new *Global Arts Initiative*.

Fairfax County, VA – On Tuesday, January 13, 2015 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Arts Council of Fairfax County for its new *Global Arts Initiative* for which the organization received an *Arts Works* grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).



From Left to right: Rachelle Etienne-Robinson, Grants Coordinator; Lisa Mariam, Grants Director; Jo Hodgkin, Vice Chairman of the Arts Council Board of Directors; Leila Gordon, Arts Council Board Member; Linda S. Sullivan, President & CEO; The Honorable Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Joe Ritchey, Chairman of the Arts Council Board of Directors; Christina Easterly, Administrative Assistant.
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The purpose of the *Global Arts Initiative* is to promote and support Fairfax County's diverse arts traditions through direct funding of ethnic and immigrant artists and arts programs. Through this pilot program, the Arts Council will play a leadership role in supporting and showcasing the County's diversity, introducing hundreds of thousands of residents to new art forms and outstanding arts programming taking place right in their own community.

We are so pleased to have been recognized by Chairman Bulova and the Board of Supervisors for our new *Global Arts Initiative*. This initiative will serve as a catalyst for future community building strengthening our ethnic and immigrant artists and arts programs."

— *Linda S. Sullivan, President & CEO, Arts Council of Fairfax County*

As an expansion of the Arts Council's existing Project Support Grants program, this new initiative is designed to reach out to diverse audiences and support arts programming that reflect cultural traditions from around the world through the creation and presentation of visual arts, dance, music, poetry, theater and multidisciplinary festivals.

The *Global Arts Initiative* has been made possible in part through a NEA grant for which the Arts Council is currently seeking matching funds from corporate sponsors.

Fairfax County artists and non-profit arts organizations may apply to this new initiative by February 18th, 2015. For more information or application guidelines visit our website at

<http://artsfairfax.org/grants/applicants>.

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Arts Council of Fairfax County



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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.

The Arts Council is funded in part by Fairfax County, corporations, foundations, individuals, Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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