

2018 ARTSFAIRFAX Arts Awards to Recognize Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, and Virginia McGehee Friend for Significant Contributions in Fairfax County

Fairfax County, VA—Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, and Virginia McGehee Friend will be presented with the Jinx Hazel Arts Award, Arts Education Award, Arts Impact Award, and Arts Philanthropy Award, respectively, at the 2018 **ARTSFAIRFAX Arts Awards** on Friday, **October 26, 2018** from **noon to 2pm** at the **Fairview Park Marriott**.

Each year, the event hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, now doing business as **ARTSFAIFAX**, recognizes four individuals and/or organizations who have made significant contributions to the arts in Fairfax County. Additionally, **ARTSFAIRFAX** is pleased to announce that **The Honorable Thomas M. Davis**, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, will serve as Master of Ceremonies of this year's event.

"We are delighted to honor our 2018 Arts Awards recipients for their extraordinary contributions to Fairfax County and beyond," said Linda S. Sullivan, President and CEO, **ARTSFAIRFAX**. "Our arts honorees have enabled thousands of arts programs and services, benefiting millions of people and helping to make our community one of the best places in the country to live, work, and play."

Jinx Hazel Arts Award Honoree, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation



The Jinx Hazel Arts Award is named in honor of Mrs. (Til) Jinx Hazel, whose love and dedication to the arts was unflinching, greatly contributing to the cultural life in our region. The award recognizes an individual or organization who exhibits substantial dedication to the arts and community, and whose vision and commitment has played an important role in the quality of life in Fairfax County.

J. Hamilton Lambert, Executive Director, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation and Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Photo by Capitol Media USA

The 2018 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation for its consistent and extensive support of arts and education in Fairfax County and beyond for more than thirty years. In 1987 at the age of 94, Dr. Claude Moore, a successful physician and Northern Virginia landowner, placed most of his fortune in trust to establish the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation to enhance educational opportunities for young people. A long-time philanthropist, Dr. Moore left his estate to the Foundation to increase its capacity for philanthropy.

Today, the Foundation remains dedicated to supporting talented individuals from culturally and economically underserved areas to maximize educational development through literacy and advanced academic pursuits. Having given more than \$62 million to organizations and programs throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Foundation is one of Virginia's largest.

Its support in Fairfax County has been broad, consistent, and generative, with donations of more than \$8 million to organizations and programs, including: Claude Moore Colonial Farm, George Mason University's *Fall for the Book* festival, George Washington Teachers Institute at Mount Vernon, Lorton Arts Foundation, Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax Library Foundation, Artist-in-Education Bluemont Concert Series, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Virginia Chamber Orchestra, Fairfax County Parks Authority, **ARTSFAIRFAX**, and many more. The Foundation has played a major role in helping to grow the arts in Fairfax County, with vital, sustained funding to organizations large and small.

"Arts education funding is always down, and we know the importance of what arts education does for professionals of the future," said Lynn Tadlock, Deputy Executive Director of Giving, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation. "The arts educate youth in different ways than typical classroom education, allowing them to apply skills from many different areas."

Dr. Moore passed in 1991 at the age of 98. His legacy of dedication and generosity to support the arts in Fairfax County and beyond continues through the life-changing philanthropic work of his Foundation.

Arts Education Award, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras



Image: AYPO students. Photo by Suzette Niess Photography

The Arts Education Award recognizes an arts organization or individual arts educator in Fairfax County and/or the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church that has provided superlative arts education opportunities, experiences, or training for youth, students, or emerging artists. Nominees should show exemplary educational programs or student achievements that are of exceptional quality or innovative, and have a track record of success and reach as measured by the achievements of the students and/or the number of students served.

The 2018 Arts Education Award will be presented to American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras (AYPO) in recognition of its work as one of the nation's leading youth orchestras. Since 1964, AYPO has provided rigorous, conservatory-quality orchestra training and performance experience for thousands of gifted, young musicians from Northern Virginia. Nearly 90% of AYPO members live in Fairfax County and more than two-thirds are minorities.

Each year, more than 400 of the areas most gifted musicians (age 9-21) participate in one of AYPO's five orchestras and progress through the increasing levels of difficulty. Its nationally acclaimed American Youth Philharmonic® performs major repertoire at a near professional level. The entry-level American Youth Debut Orchestra introduces 2nd and 3rd grade string musicians to fundamentals of orchestral performance. All students take part in competitive auditions and all are selected solely on their musical achievements.

AYPO distinguishes itself from other regional music programs for youth by their first-class training and performances, which prepare students for the demands of becoming music professionals.

"On behalf of the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, I thank **ARTSFAIRFAX** for the honor of naming us recipients of the Arts Education Award for 2018," said Dr. Graham Elliott, Executive Director. "AYPO has served the community for 54 years, with a proud history of training some of the country's leading orchestral musicians. Our alumni are found as soloists, teachers and members of major orchestras all over the USA. In our ongoing determination to increase opportunity and access for all, we appreciate the vital partnership support we receive from Linda Sullivan and all her staff at **ARTSFAIRFAX**."

In the past two years, AYPO added ensembles for brass, clarinet, harp, and flute players. These ensembles, along with AYPO's percussion ensemble offered for many years, are open to all youth in the region, not just AYPO members. This has allowed AYPO to serve a broader base of students within Fairfax County Public Schools. For 54 years, AYPO has helped young people develop their musical skills and an appreciation for orchestral music to provide opportunities that are rarely available in the schools.

Arts Impact Award, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts – sponsored by Reston Community Center



The Arts Impact Award recognizes an arts organization of any discipline for an arts program or activity that has provided significant opportunity or impact based on the quality or transformative nature of the program and the breadth of individuals served.

The 2018 Arts Impact Award will be presented to Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts for its significant role as a leading arts presenter to bring world-renowned artists to Northern Virginia for nearly fifty years and for its extraordinary leadership in early childhood education.

When Catherine Filene Shouse granted her farmland to the U.S. government in 1966, she envisioned a cultural haven and oasis of natural beauty dedicated to creating performing arts experiences for all to enjoy. Each year, nearly 400,000 people enjoy performances at the Filene Center, The Barns at Wolf Trap, and Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods. Today, Wolf Trap is a cornerstone of Fairfax County's cultural fabric.

Image: Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods courtesy of Wolf Trap

Education also has long been core to Wolf Trap's mission. Though national in scope, the Wolf Trap Institute for Early

Learning Through the Arts has roots in Virginia and has been partnering with Fairfax County Public Schools for more than 30 years. During the 2016-2017 school year, the Institute served more than 17,000 children, educators, and parents/caregivers across 18 counties in the Commonwealth, including Fairfax. The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts is regarded as a national model for the transformative power of the performing arts in early childhood education.

"Fairfax County is our home," said Arvind Manocha, President and CEO, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts. "Wolf Trap is honored to receive this award that demonstrates our work is making an impact in our community. From equipping our educators with ways to give their youngest learners the best start in life through the arts, to providing the community with rich experiences in the arts in the country's only national park for the performing arts, we're committed to making Fairfax County a place where the arts and education are alive, thriving and accessible to all."

Arts Philanthropy Award, Virginia McGehee Friend



The Arts Philanthropy Award acknowledges private sector support of the arts in Fairfax County and/or the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, by honoring an individual, corporation, or foundation that has provided leadership funding, long-term monetary support, or significant investment in the arts.

The Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Virginia McGehee Friend in recognition of her long-time dedication and extraordinary contribution of time, board service, expertise, and funding in support of the arts in Fairfax County and beyond. Friend is highly respected throughout Fairfax County and across the country as a champion for the arts for the vital role they play in her life and the lives of others.

"I am delighted and honored to receive the Arts Philanthropy Award," said philanthropist, Virginia McGehee Friend. "It gives me great pleasure to know that my support helps artists in our area showcase their imaginative talents, which brings joy and inspiration to many diverse audiences."

Image: Virginia McGehee Friend by Yassine El Mansouri

Friend serves on the boards of The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, the International Ballet Competition, Trey McIntyre Project, and Waterford Concert Series. She is a member of the Kennedy Center International Committee on the Arts, Washington National Opera Council, and Levine Music Advisory Council. Over the years, Friend has served on the Boards of the James Renwick Alliance as Treasurer, the Washington Concert Opera, and McLean Project for the Arts.

Receiving two degrees in Fine Arts—a B.A. from Vanderbilt University and M.A. from the University of Mississippi, Friend is also a recognized artist. Her photography has been included in shows at Strathmore Hall Arts Center, Greater Reston Arts Center, The MFA Gallery, Great Falls Park, and Waterford, Virginia. She has juried and judged a variety of arts shows including the Silk Painters International World Conference, Potomac Craftsmen Gallery and Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Arts Center, and the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival.

Friend is an avid supporter of Washington West Film Festival, Greater Reston Arts Center, Arena Stage, Washington National Opera's Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program, Smithsonian Craft Show, Just Neighbors, Loudoun Hunger Relief, Mobile Hope, Canine Companions for Independence, and the National Humane Education Society. Throughout her life, Friend's tireless dedication and immense generosity to the arts in Fairfax County and across the region have served as a model for philanthropy.

Master of Ceremonies, The Honorable Thomas M. Davis



Tom Davis, Director for Government Affairs at Deloitte in Washington, DC will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 2018 Arts Awards event. Davis was first elected to office in 1979 to represent Mason District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, beginning a three-decade political career. In 1994, he was elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served seven terms, including two successful cycles as Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee. Known as a brilliant political strategist, Davis has twice won National Journal's Political Genius Award. He also is an Adjunct Professor of Political Science at George Mason University, where he also serves as Rector (Chairman of the Board of Visitors). Davis is co-author of *The Partisan Divide* with former Democratic campaign Chair Martin Frost and *Almanac of American Politics* author Rich Cohen. Davis received his degree in political science with Honors from Amherst College and his law degree from the University of Virginia.

Image: Courtesy of The Honorable Thomas M. Davis

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About the Arts Awards

ARTSFAIRFAX will present the seventh annual Arts Awards at the Fairview Park Marriott, located at 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 22042 on Friday, October 26, 2018 from 12pm to 2pm. The event recognizes extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations as well as corporations, foundations, and individuals that support the arts in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church.

To learn more about the Arts Awards, visit us online at www.artsfairfax.org

Tables and individual tickets to the event may also be purchased directly here, [2018 Arts Awards](#), or by contacting artsawards@artsfairfax.org or (703) 642-0862 x2.

About ARTSFAIRFAX

ARTSFAIRFAX fosters a dynamic and diverse arts scene throughout Fairfax County. We ensure the arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity-building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information. **ARTSFAIRFAX** distributes over \$500,000 annually through competitive grants and awards to arts organizations and artists of all disciplines. **ARTSFAIRFAX** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and Fairfax County's designated local arts agency. It is funded in part by Fairfax County, corporations, foundations, individuals, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment Through the Arts.

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