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## **ARTSFAIRFAX Awards \$105,296 in Project Support Grants to 7 Arts Organizations**

**Fairfax County, VA-** **ARTSFAIRFAX** awarded \$105,296 in Project Support Grants to seven arts organizations in Fairfax County for Fiscal Year 2020. This investment crosses all arts disciplines and supports organizations creating locally-driven arts experiences across the community.

“**ARTSFAIRFAX** Project Grants affirm our belief that the arts are a dynamic force for enriching communities, growing the economy, increasing accessibility, and fostering individual creativity. What we are witnessing is how these grants are helping propel the artistic growth of these grantees as their work reaches new audiences within and beyond the county,” says Linda Sullivan, **ARTSFAIRFAX** President & CEO.

Project Support grants range from \$1,000 to \$30,000 and are awarded in three categories: arts in education, opportunity, and partnerships with individual artists. Project awardees presented innovative and creative means to engage the community and bring people together to experience arts in fresh and unusual ways.

A highlight of this grant cycle is George Mason University’s Center for the Arts’ new artist-in-residency program. **ARTSFAIRFAX** funding will support the residency of world-class artists, LADAMA, and the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company, who will perform and participate in a range of activities. Their residences will expand beyond the traditional art performance to create interactive engagements with the audiences.

LADAMA, a quartet of women musicians who blend Latin American musical traditions from Brazil, Venezuela and Colombia, will invite people to explore the empowerment of women. Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company, a multiple award-winner for his innovative and dynamic artistic ensembles shaping modern dance, will select participants to be involved in their newest work, “On the Water.”

**ARTSFAIRFAX** 2019 Project Support recipients present a variety and breadth of approaches to engaging new audiences and nurturing the next generation of artists and students.

## 2019 Project Support Grantees

**1<sup>st</sup> Stage**—Opportunity grant to collaborate with the Olney Theatre on a co-production of “The Royale,” a story about the United States first African-American heavyweight boxing champion, Jack Johnson.

**BalletNova Center for Dance**—Opportunity grant to produce and perform a full-length version of “Sleeping Beauty” with original choreography by Matthew Powell. There will be three performances and a petit performance for pre-schoolers.

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra**—Arts education grant to expand Link-Up, a performance-based curriculum of classroom music activities to serve an additional 500 students in three Title 1 schools. The grant will bring the total of students served to almost 1,500. The program culminates in a concert for the students at the George Mason University Center for the Arts.

**Greater Reston Arts Center**—Opportunity grant to present a selection of works by artist Moira Dryer in conjunction with the major exhibition of Dryer’s early work at the Phillips Collection in Washington, DC.

**MVLE Inc.**—Arts education grant for “Vote Boat,” an original production, which highlights key moments in the suffrage movement and how that affects the current experiences of people with disabilities. Cast includes both professional performers and people with disabilities.

**Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts**—Arts education grant supports Artsplay and Baby Artsplay Residencies in Fairfax County Public Libraries. Emphasizing the role of parents as a child’s first teacher, these classes teach caregivers how to support early childhood development through music, drama, puppets, and dance.

As a public investment, **ARTSFAIRFAX** Project Support Grants are competitive, and a peer review panel of experts review each eligible. Project Support Grants projects, both large and small, throughout the county, offer access to a range of arts experiences for residents and visitors, as well as generate new audiences for the arts.

To learn more about grants available through **ARTSFAIRFAX**, visit [artsfairfax.org](http://artsfairfax.org).

### About ARTSFAIRFAX

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