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## **ARTSFAIRFAX Receives \$10,000 to Launch Matching Fund**

### **Pat and Steve Macintyre Encourage Community to Support Individual Artists Impacted by COVID-19**

Fairfax County, VA– **ARTSFAIRFAX**, the arts leader in Fairfax County, is pleased to announce a charitable \$10,000 challenge donation from community arts supporters Pat and Steve Macintyre for individual artists impacted by COVID-19. The Macintyres challenge the community to meet their donation match by **August 31, 2020**. Funds raised will directly support individual artists who continue to see the economic crisis escalate with canceled performances, exhibits, festivals, classes, residencies resulting in the loss of ticket sales, contract income, employment and the closure of arts venues. Donations may be made directly at [artsfairfax.org](http://artsfairfax.org).

"Support of individual artists within the community is critical to their long-term artistic future, especially during this economic crisis," said Linda S. Sullivan, **ARTSFAIRFAX** President & CEO. "Arts supporters like Pat and Steve Macintyre value the creativity and sense of community that individual artists provide. Their donation challenge highlights the economic crisis faced by individual artists and provides an avenue for others to help. Their generous donation will have a significant impact on the arts community when it is most needed."



Steve and Pat Macintyre *Photo: The Macintyres*

The Macintyre donation and challenge funds raised will support the Emergency Relief and Recovery Grant program created by **ARTSFAIRFAX** to support artists impacted by the pandemic.

#### **Make a Matching Donation:**

Donations may be made through the [artsfairfax.org](http://artsfairfax.org) website by selecting Support the Arts and directing donations to individual artists, or by mail to 2667 Prosperity Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031.

#### **About Pat and Steve Macintyre**

Pat and Steve Macintyre are well-known supporters of the arts community and in 2014, they were recognized for their support with the **ARTSFAIRFAX** Arts Philanthropy Award.

Mrs. Macintyre is a well-known painter and children's book illustrator who graduated from the Corcoran School of Art and went on to co-found and support Herndon Old Town

Gallery for many years. During her career, Mrs. Macintyre was commissioned to paint three large custom canvases, "The Seasons" with niches for the artworks at Reston Hospital Center. She is committed to arts education and for 13 years produced and hosted the children's public television program "You Gotta Have Art." Mrs. Macintyre teaches children's art classes every Saturday morning at Lake Anne's Reston Art Gallery & Studios, an artist collective that she and her husband Steve own and manage. Mr. Macintyre is the world's leading magnetics and precision scientific measurement expert. Many satellite constellations bear his magnetometers.

The Macintyre's are founders of Macintyre Electronic Design Associates (MEDA) located in Dulles, VA. Through their generosity over the past three decades, the Macintyres have founded and supported organizations including the Herndon Foundation for the Cultural Arts, Council for the Arts of Herndon, League of Reston Artists and the Initiative for Public Art – Reston. Lead support from the Macintyres for arts programs such as Herndon's Art in Public Places initiative and arts scholarships have benefited thousands of Fairfax County residents and hundreds of high school students annually.

### **About the Emergency Relief and Recovery Grant Program**

The Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants are available to **individual artists** residing in Fairfax County with an active record of professional activity who derive income from their work. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$1000.

Donations to the individual artists fund for Emergency Relief and Recovery Grant program can be made at <https://artsfairfax.org/support-the-arts/>

### **About ARTSFAIRFAX**

**ARTSFAIRFAX** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, incorporated in 1964, as Fairfax County's designated local arts agency. **ARTSFAIRFAX** 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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