

REVIEWING OUR COLLECTIVE AGENDA GOING FORWARD

GOVERNANCE UPDATE

- In alignment with the Bylaws, we've populated all of our Committees and elected our Officers:
 - Gretchen Wharton – CAH Vice Chair & Chair of Grants Committee
 - Kymber Menkiti – CAH Treasurer & Chair of Finance Committee
 - Julianne Brienza - CAH Secretary & Chair of Governance Committee
 - Cecily Habimana - Chair of IDEA Committee
 - Carla Sims – Chair of Public Art Committee
 - Hector Torres - Chair of Art Education Committee

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: GRANTS

- Despite budget cuts across city agencies, the commission was able to increase grant funding by 2.5% in FY24.
- The grants team has awarded 7 grant programs, totaling \$26 million in funding. This has increased to 1025 grants in FY23 from 767 grants in FY23
- Our Fellowship Grant (AHFP) funded 623 individual artists across all eight wards of DC, representing a 94.5% funding rate, up from 70.5% in FY23.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR FY 2024

- (1) Continuing to make CAH a high performing agency – ideally the benchmark for all DC agencies and all state arts agencies – getting grants out efficiently, effectively, equitably and in the most “Artist Centric” way

- (2) Creating a foundation that can serve at least two purposes (that CAH cannot) – first, to serve as the fiscal sponsor for Artists and small arts organizations that don’t have 501c3 status but are deserving of tax deductible charitable contributions and, second, to raise significant funds (millions of dollars) from private and public donors for Artist Centric programs beyond those funded by CAH.

- (3) Creating and sustaining an international arts festival, currently being branded as “DC Art all Week” that rivals other arts festivals, is Artist Centric and is an economic and creative engine for the nation’s capital – funded by private and public sources and connected to CAH as appropriate

- (4) Nurturing our interdependence with the City Council, the Mayor’s Office and other DC agencies through an aggressive outreach and advocacy initiative

FISCAL YEAR 2024 HAS ARRIVED!