

Annual Report August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

PROGRAMMING

First Friday Events

September: Featured exhibition: FIELDS AND FORMATIONS: Group Exhibition and THE PLATFORM GALLERY WITH MELEKO MOKGOSI.

Additional features: Panel Discussion with artist Meleko Mokgosi, Curator-in-Residence Kristen Hileman, and Professor Timothy Burke (Department of History and Co-Director of the Aydelotte Foundation Swarthmore College).

October: Featured exhibition: TRACES: CHERYL GOLDSLEGER.

November: Featured exhibitions: *BALLAD OF SPREAD*: MICHAL GAVISH and *VEILS*: CATHARINE FICHTNER.

Additional features: Spoken Word performance by Lackeeria Lewis.

December: Main feature: Annual Holiday Craft Show.

February: Featured exhibition: *REMEMBRANCES, RECOLLECTIONS & RETROSPECT: Croup Exhibition* and *VIRUS AND VIRTUAL: PANDEMIC DREAMS: Group Exhibition,* Additional features: Performance by Kuumba Kadillacs (directed by Darnell Miller) and Gallery Tour with Curator of Contemporary Art, Chase Dougherty.

March: Featured exhibitions: *CLOSE TO HOME*: W.A.S HATCH and *NATURA*: DONNA USHER. Additional features: Performance by E.Shawn Qaissaunee.

April: Featured exhibitions: CALLERY TAKEOVER. Additional features: Collaborative Performance by Poet & Literary Artist Traci Currie and TDC Creative Arts Club, Spoken Word Performance by Philly Create.

May: Featured exhibitions: 2022 UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE MFA THESIS, THANK YOU PETER, LYNN HERRICK SHARP AWARDS, and THE PLATFORM GALLERY WITH KARYN OLIVIER/. Additional features: Student work showcase with Delaware College of Art and Design.

June: Featured exhibitions: SUMMER OF PLAY. Additional features: Panel Discussion with Platform Callery artist Simphiwe Ndzube, Curator-in-Residence Tiffany Barber, and artist Alim Smith, Performance by Clifford Brown Jazz Residencies, Drumline performance by Christina Cultural Arts Center. In FY22, The Delaware Contemporary launched a major partnership with City Theater Company (CTC). As part of this partnership, The Delaware Contemporary became the home of CTC's mainstage productions and Fearless Improv shows.

Capital improvements were made to convert the Wings Auditorium into a Black Box Theater with theater-grade lights and sound system.





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Major Partnership

City Theater Company

- Once, December 10 18, 2021
- Fearless Improv, March 11, April 8, May 13, 2022
- Blues in My Soul, March 18 26, 2022
- Tax Free Comedy Festival, June 17 & 18, 2022

Workshops

Body of Art Figure Drawing Potted Perfection Wellness Program HATHA Yoga Flow and Tea Time, Rose Porter of Kavi Wellness *The Medium is the Message*: Michael Dika Ceramic Workshop *Art in Bloom*: Ikebana Artmaking Lunch

ON ART: Conversations with the Artists

TRACES. Cheryl Goldsleger - Air Date: October 13, 2021 BALLAD OF SPREAD, Micha Gavish - Air Date: October 27, 2021 VEILS, Cathar ne Fichtner - Air Date: November 17, 2021 FIELDS AND FORMATIONS, A Group Exhibition Exploring Mid-At antic Abstraction - Air Date: December 8, 2021 REMEMBRANCES, RECOLLECTIONS & RETROSPECT, Han Cao, Rosa Leff, Daisy Patton, Pallavi Padukone, Mark Tennant, and Kate VanVliet - Air Date: February 9, 2022 REMEMBRANCES. RECOLLECTIONS & RETROSPECT, Linda Dubin Garfield - Air Date: February 16, 2022 VIRUS AND VIRTUAL: PANDEMIC DREAMS, Hugh Atkins and Creative Arts Club students Air date: February 23 CLOSE TO HOME, W.A.S. Hatch - Air Date: March 9

ON ART: Conversations with the Artists (continued)

NATURA, Donna Usher - Air Date: March 23 GALLERY TAKE-OVER, 2021 Creatives-in-Residence Shakira Hunt and 7God - Air Date: April 13 THE PLATFORM CALLERY, Karyn Olivier - Air Date: May 11, 2022

Artist Professional Development

Art Fitness: The Presentation Workout Art Fitness: Introduction to CaFe Art Fitness: MFA/Advanced Degree Programs Art Fitness: Teaching Artists Art Fitness: Public Art Projects/Commissions Artist Open House

Public Events and Programs

- Seasonal Palette to Palate Dinners
- August 20, 2021
- October, 29, 2021
- May 26, 2022
- ART pARTy Fundraiser April 9 , 2022

West Street Family Art Festival - June 12, 2022 Play! Academic Symposium

- Biannual symposium in honor of the Gretchen Hupfel



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INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT: GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Highlights

\$719,147 of grant funding in FY22 supported the museum's General Operations to enable us to provide equitable access to Creative Growth Opportunities and infure DEI-focused efforts across all museum operation.

\$69,333 of grant funding in FY22 directly supported arts programming with youth facing systemic barriers that hinder their engagement in the arts.

\$43,890 of grant funding in FY22 directly supported Public Art projects.

\$59,750 of grant funding in FY22 directly supported capital improvement projects.

\$10,000 and above

Borgenicht Foundation Delaware Community Foundation: Community Needs Fund Delaware Division of Small Business The Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts - the Division promotes Delaware arts events www.delawarescene.com National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and Delaware Humanities as part of the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Delaware General Assembly's Joint Finance Committee through the Grant-in-Aid Act

\$10,000 and above

IMLS: Institute of Museum and Library Services
Laffey-McHugh Foundation
Longwood Foundation
National Endowment for the Arts: The Delaware Contemporary is supported in part by an American Rescue Plan Act grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support general operating expenses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Principal Foundation
Robin Foundation
Welfare Foundation

\$5000 - \$9999

Arsht-Cannon Fund Tuttleman Foundation Huisking Foundation Crystal Trust PNC Foundation: Grow Up Great New Castle County Executive Office: Community Development Fund

\$2500 - \$4999

Delaware Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the HumanitiesDelaware Community Foundation: Youth Philanthropy Board of NCCHighmark Blue Cross Blue Shield

\$1000 - \$2499

Babe Styling Studios Five Toes Fund at DCF Christmas Shop Foundation Homelight, Inc. WSFS Bank