



MARYLAND HALL
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Maryland Hall Fact Sheet

Mission

Dedicated to *Art for All*, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts is the community's arts center, providing lifelong, accessible engagement in the arts.

Vision

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts will be Maryland's leading arts campus, actively engaging the community in innovative, creative endeavors in arts education and the performing and visual arts.

Arts-Related Programs

Arts Education - Maryland Hall's education program serves approximately 5,000 students of all ages--from babies through seniors--each year with performing and visual arts classes. Our 60+ instructors teach more than 700 hands-on arts courses annually in drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, crafts, dance, drama, music and more.

Outreach - MHCA offers scholarships to students with limited financial resources so they may access our arts classes. Through partnerships with community-based organizations, we sponsor *ArtReach* activities comprised of workshops, camps, classes, tours and performances so students of all backgrounds can experience the arts and creative opportunities. Free performances, exhibits, talks, tours and an annual ArtFest Open House invite the community in for free activities.

Visual Arts - Maryland Hall's visual arts program mounts more than 30 annual exhibitions showcasing the work of local, regional and national artists in our three professional galleries and several public display spaces. Artists featured include emerging and established artists in all media, with a wide array of works ranging from traditional to the unconventional. Exhibits are free and open to the public and are accompanied by a free opening reception and often by gallery talks.

Performing Arts - Maryland Hall's performing arts program brings a diverse range of performers - from rock, pop, jazz, dance, ethnic and theatrical performances – to our stage each year. Our newly-renovated 725-seat theatre is one of the largest public venues in Anne Arundel County. Approximately 20,000 local students visit Maryland Hall on class trips each year for our School Show performances, presented by educational touring companies.

Resident Companies - Maryland Hall is the performance home of four highly-regarded Resident Companies: Annapolis Symphony Orchestra; Annapolis Opera; Annapolis Chorale; and The Ballet Theatre of Maryland.

Artists-in-Residence - Studio space is available at Maryland Hall for Artists-in-Residence who are actively pursuing the creation of new work within their disciplines. Studios are available for long-term (three-year) and short-term (one year) residencies.

Community Partners Program – Maryland Hall offers artistic programming to the community through partnerships with area non-profit organizations including VisionWorkshops and the Chesapeake Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Peabody Preparatory – Maryland Hall has served as the Annapolis branch of the Peabody Preparatory, a division of Johns Hopkins University, since 1982. Peabody offers music instruction to children and adults year-round.

Community Support

Donors – Maryland Hall’s \$2.7 million operating budget is supported through revenue generated from our arts-related programs, special events and through generous donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and government agencies. Major operating grants come from the Maryland State Arts Council (an agency funded by the state of Maryland and the National Endowment for the Arts) and the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County.

Membership – Nearly 2,000 members of the community support the arts as members of Maryland Hall. Member benefits include reduced fees on classes and performance tickets, subscriptions to Maryland Hall’s publications, discounts on art purchases from our galleries and advance notice of Maryland Hall events and performances.

Volunteers - Volunteers donate more than 5,000 hours of service each year. Volunteers usher at performances, assist staff at special events, work in the administrative offices and help maintain the gardens and grounds.

Amenities

Founder’s Green – Maryland Hall’s front lawn includes a labyrinth, an artist’s circle and a year-round display of outdoor sculpture.

Labyrinth – Completed in 2002 with generous funding from the TKF Foundation, the labyrinth is replica of the one at the Cathedral of the Chartres in Paris, France. It is open for public use year-round, is approximately one-half mile in length and has a diameter of just over 42 feet.

B.E.S.T. Café @ Maryland Hall – Located on the ground floor of Maryland Hall, the Café offers cold drinks, hot beverages, healthy snacks and fresh foods; hours vary.

General information

History - In 1979, the former Annapolis High School was reborn as Maryland Hall. This adaptive re-use of the 1932 building evolved from a partnership between local arts advocates and the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

Attendance – Approximately 100,000 people visit Maryland Hall each year.

Governance – Maryland Hall is incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

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