



FULTON COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE

Fulton County and the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture (FCAC) are dedicated to the arts for the passion they inspire, the quality of life they afford us and the economic impact they make. FCAC supports and administers arts programming giving Fulton County residents broad access to the arts in the county's ten municipalities and unincorporated areas. The 15 member Fulton County Arts Council, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, advises the Board on arts and cultural related policy; each commissioner appoints two members for two-year rotating terms. Through the work of five community arts centers, contracts for services art funding and arts education programs, FCAC strives to better the lives of Fulton County residents through the arts.

Public Art

FCAC Public Art program was initiated by the Board of Commissioners in 1993 with the establishment of Art in Public Places Resolution. The Public Art Program is a continuation of the mission of FCAC to make the arts accessible to all citizens. Since the inception of the program, 50 artists have been awarded commissions to create artwork that engages citizens in facilities where they interact with Fulton County including senior centers, libraries, parks, arts centers and court buildings. The Public Art Program is also dedicated to providing artists with professional development opportunities and offers biannual open enrollment to Georgia visual artists for the Public Art Artists Registry. Workshops and mentorships are a part of the year round programming offered by the Public Art Program.

Funding

Contracts for Services

FCAC Contracts for Services Program provides contracted and direct services that support opportunities for access to the arts for Fulton County residents. The Fulton County Board of Commissioners through the Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture invests public funds to support arts programming of Fulton County arts organizations and the 14 municipalities within Fulton County. Applications are accepted annually each year, over 100 service contracts are awarded to arts and cultural organizations. The Fulton County Department of Arts & Culture invites Fulton County-based arts, cultural nonprofits and artist collectives to apply for funding. Application workshops are held yearly throughout the county prior to the application deadline. Please visit our website for detailed guidelines and deadlines.

Art Centers

FCAC operates four art centers: Abernathy Arts Center, South Fulton Arts Center, Southwest Arts Center, West End Performing Arts Center and also participates in a public/private partnership with Johns Creek Arts Center. Through these community based centers Fulton County residents receive direct services in the arts. The arts centers offer arts instruction for all ages and most disciplines including visual art, dance, theatre, music, multi-media, creative writing and quilting. Dozens of arts and cultural events are also presented and produced at the arts centers throughout the year including exhibitions, plays, concerts, poetry readings, book-signings, dance concerts and many others. Additionally, summer programming includes art camps for youth ages 5-12 and the Teen Artists Academy for teen artists age 13-18. Information on our programs is available on our website.

ART@Work

FCAC Art at Work is a job readiness program for teens that utilizes art to develop 21st century employment skills such as creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication. Through the program, participants learn how to conceive, plan, budget and manage projects individually and in teams. They also learn how to research the marketplace for potential career paths based on their skills and interests and to make an education and development plan to achieve their goals. The program teaches skills for success in the workplace including punctuality, preparedness, professional attitude and conduct. Art at Work was founded in 1995 and since the program's inception, hundreds of Fulton County youth have participated in the program.