

Howard County Arts Council 2008 Rising Star Emerging Performing Artist Awards Totaling \$8,500 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

Open to individual performing artists, ages 18-35, who are currently or were previously living, working, performing regularly, or receiving training in Howard County, MD.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Howard County Arts Council is a private, non-profit organization that serves the public of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists, and arts organizations. The Arts Council established the Rising Star award in 2003 to provide opportunities for emerging performing artists with roots in Howard County and to assist them in the development and practice of their art. The goals of the Emerging Performing Artist Award are to:

- Encourage professional development in the performing arts in all disciplines.
- Recognize individual achievement in the performing arts.
- Support performing artists with strong ties to Howard County, Maryland.
- Provide an individual artist award (or awards) for professional development.
- Provide a venue for artists through a performance of award finalists at the Arts Council's annual *Celebration of the Arts in Howard County* benefit gala.

Selected applicants will be auditioned using the review process and criteria outlined in this application. Through this process a maximum of 10 performing artists working in a variety of disciplines will be selected as award finalists. Each finalist will perform one piece at the Arts Council's annual benefit gala, *Celebration of the Arts in Howard County*. The event audience – over 700 artists, arts patrons, business and political representatives, and other community members – will then vote to select their favorites. Votes will be tallied during the event and the three finalists with the most votes will be selected to receive awards. The awards will be announced **on stage that night!**

DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

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APPLICATION CALENDAR

September 2007	Applications available
October 31, 2007	Early Application Deadline – NO FEE
November 30, 2007	Deadline to submit application - \$10 FEE
January 5-6, 2008	Selected auditions
February 15	Earliest announcement of Finalists
April 26, 2008	Finalists perform at the Arts Council's <i>Celebration of the Arts</i> , 6–10 PM at The Jim Rouse Theatre in Columbia, MD; award recipients are selected and announced. (Tech in required during the day of the 26th)

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be an individual performing artist* (no groups) working in any performance discipline.
- Have currently or previously lived, worked, performed regularly, or received training in Howard County.
- Be between ages 18 and 35 at both the time of application and the final event April 26, 2008.
- Be available for auditions in January in Howard County (or provide an audition tape) and be able to perform in Columbia, MD on April 26 (only finalists will participate in the Celebration Event).
- Submit a \$10 non-refundable application fee. *Fee waived for early applications postmarked on or before Oct. 31.*
- Agree that if selected to receive the award, they will provide the Arts Council with a brief 1-year follow-up statement regarding the impact of the award.

All Rising Star finalists for the preceding year are ineligible to apply for the current year's award. All other finalists and previous applicants may apply. \$5,000 Rising Star Award recipients are ineligible.

Please note: finalists will be required to submit proof of eligibility and other requirements outlined in this application. Failure to meet these requirements or proof of falsification of any application materials will result in disqualification. The Review Panel may elect to move forward a runner-up.

If you are unsure of your eligibility, please contact the Howard County Arts Council at 410-313-2787.

DEADLINE

Submit the signed application, requested support materials, and, if applicable, \$10 application fee (payable to Howard County Arts Council) postmarked or hand delivered by **4 PM November 30**. No fax or email submissions.

REVIEW PROCESS

There will be a four-step review process:

1. The Celebration Performance Committee will review and evaluate applications, and select applicants to audition for slots as finalists.
2. Discipline Review Panels made up of artists and arts professionals will audition selected applicants and recommend finalists. Applicants will be auditioned by professionals working in the discipline in which they are applying.
3. The Celebration Performance Committee will use the recommendations of the Discipline Review Committees to select up to ten finalists to perform at the *Celebration of the Arts*.
4. The *Celebration of the Arts* audience will select award recipients from the finalists based on their individual performances at the event.

REVIEW CRITERIA

Each applicant will be reviewed based on the following criteria as demonstrated in the application materials submitted and, if selected to audition, in the audition:

- Artistic merit or excellence.
- Demonstrated experience in the arts.
- Commitment to pursuing a career in the arts.

NOTIFICATION

Applicants will be notified in writing by February 15, 2008 as to the disposition of their application. Finalists will each receive two (2) free tickets to the Celebration.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Award funds will be sent to the recipients within two weeks after the Celebration.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

- Only complete applications will be considered. Incomplete, conditional, or otherwise unclear applications may be rejected without evaluation.
- **Support materials must be typewritten or word processed.** Handwritten materials, other than the application form, will not be accepted. Please use paperclips to attach materials; do not staple.
- Do not send materials other than those required.
- All application materials must be postmarked or hand-delivered by **4:00 PM November 30**. No late, incomplete, faxed, or emailed applications will be accepted.

Howard County Arts Council reserves the right to extend the deadline and/or re-open the application process if an insufficient quantity or quality of applications are received. Decisions of the Review Panels, Performance Committee, Howard County Arts Council, and *Celebration of the Arts* audience are final. Howard County Arts Council is not obligated to provide a re-count of audience votes and/or explanations of any decisions. Submission of an application constitutes an understanding and agreement of the conditions set forth in these guidelines.

**For purposes of the award, "an individual performing artist" is defined as one who can stand alone in an onstage performance with no more than one accompanist or partner. Accompanied or partnered applicants must be clearly featured for more than 50% of the performance time.*

**APPLICATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE
AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.HOCOARTS.ORG**

HOWARD COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL RISING STAR EMERGING PERFORMING ARTIST AWARD

APPLICATION

1. Applicant Name: _____
2. Applicant Address: _____

3. Telephone: _____
4. Date of Birth _____
(for eligibility purposes only)
5. Check below the discipline in which you work and identify your specific genre or instrument (*this will assist us in assigning reviewers*). **Check only one.** Please note that your selected discipline should reflect that in which you plan to audition. Your audition piece (up to 5 minutes) must be the same piece you would perform at the Celebration if selected as a finalist.
 Vocal Music/Musical Theatre: Genre or other information: _____
 Instrumental Music: Genre and/or instrument: _____
 Dance: Genre and/or other information: _____
 Theatre: Genre and/or other information: _____
 Other: Identify/Explain: _____
6. Include the following supporting information with your application:
 - a. A **brief (maximum 100 words)** bio including your Howard County connection, involvement in the performing arts, future artistic goals, and how this award will assist you in your career. This bio will be included in the Celebration event program if you are selected as a finalist.
 - b. A current resume or CV (no more than two (2) pages).
 - c. A current head shot photo (to be used for PR purposes).
7. If applying after October 31: include your \$10 non-refundable application fee made payable to the Howard County Arts Council.

Application materials will not be returned. Do not send materials other than those required. Additional items will not be included in the review process and will not be returned.

I certify that the information in this application and all related attachments is true and accurate.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 30.

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The audience votes are in...

Clarinetist wins \$5,000 in 2005 · Singer wins \$5,000, Cellist wins \$2,500 and Pianist wins \$1,000 in 2006 · Violinist wins \$5,000, Singer wins \$2,500 and Singer wins \$1,000 in 2007!

ANNOUNCING CASH AWARDS TOTALING...

\$8,500

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