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Young Artist Competition 2027: Now Accepting Applications!

We want to give some prize money to the best students of piano, classic instrument or voice in our Rappahannock community! If you know of a talented student under the age of 18 encourage them to apply to our Young Artist Competition by December 16, 2026.

The Young Artist Competition (YAC) is held annually and funding is now generously provided by the Cornelia Bryant Fund at the Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region. The top three performers will receive prize money. First place wins $1,000, second place wins $500, and third place wins $300. Winners are also invited to perform in a pre-concert program at our annual Music Festival, as well as future events sponsored by ArtsLIVE! The YAC Finals Concert welcomes the general public.

- All entrants must be capable of performing a solo of a high level.
- Students must be 18 years old or younger on the day of the Finals Competition and a resident of Planning District 16 (Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Stafford, King George, and Caroline Counties).
- The entrant's teacher shall confirm on the application that the entrant is at a suitable level to participate in the Competition.
- Previous first-place winners shall not be allowed to participate.

The auditions will be held January 21 and 22 and the finals will be January 31 at Fredericksburg Baptist Church.

The application is available here and on our website.

Good luck to all of the participants!

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Our *New Website* debuts this month!

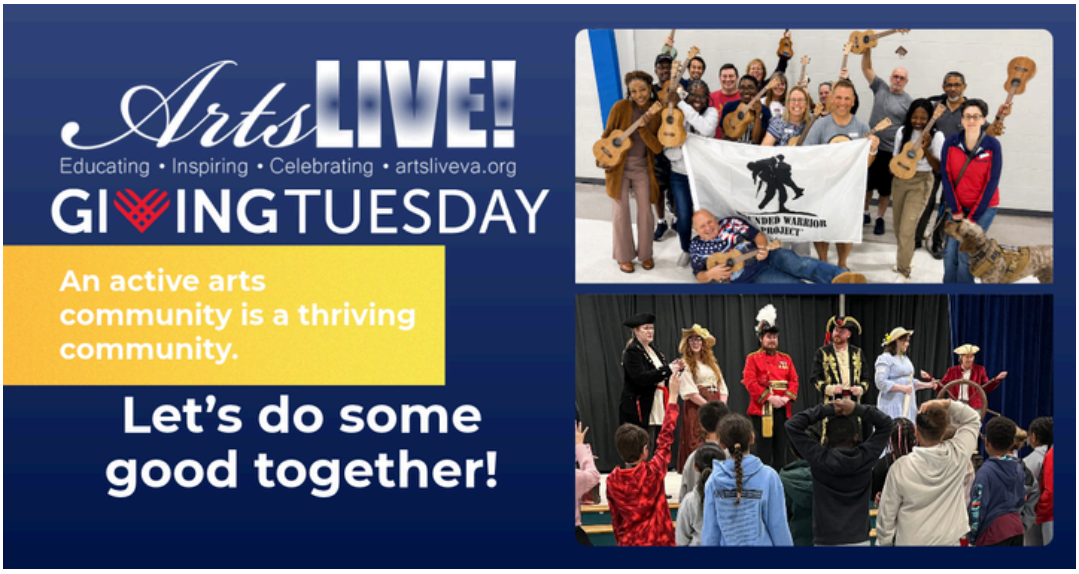
Jazz at FAM Fundraiser Recap

Our Jazz at FAM Fundraiser, held October 17 at the Fredericksburg Area Museum, was a great success! Our talented friend and board member, André Rascoe, performed jazz classics with John Vreeland accompaniment on the piano.

André was his charming self and sang beautifully. There were many dancing in their seats to his smooth renditions of beloved songs. André and John performed so well together you'd think they did this all the time.

There were two 30 minute sets of jazz favorites including, "Fly Me to the Moon", "Nature Boy", and many others. Light refreshments were also served.

The 50/50 raffle winner was very generous and gave their winnings to ArtsLIVE! We raised over $1,600 at the event. Many thanks to all who purchased tickets or donated!



Giving Tuesday

Generosity brings something good to everyone. Giving Tuesday, December 1, is a national day of generosity. Your Giving Tuesday gift will help further ArtsLIVE!'s mission to promote, provide, and preserve the highest quality of the performing arts for all in our community. The annual ArtsLIVE! Music Festival, Young Artist Competition, Opera in Schools, and other ArtsLIVE! programs will be directly impacted by your donation. An active arts community is a thriving community! Let's do some good together!

If looking for other ways to make an impact, consider joining our board of directors or serving on one of our committees. You could donate a venue for an event or a service that you provide. Please email thearts@artsliveva.org if you are interested in this form of service to the community.

If you'd like to donate to ArtsLIVE! for Giving Tuesday, click here.

Thank you!



Board Spotlight: Monica Pappas

Monica is from western Pennsylvania, coal/steel country. She attended college at Carnegie Mellon and then Temple in Philadelphia. As a student she had the honor to teach music undergraduates in Pittsburgh. Later, she taught at Philadelphia Community College. While in Philadelphia, she co-founded the New Fine Arts Ensemble (woodwind+piano). She also spent a year in Brazil teaching and performing at a federal university. She interned for Cleveland music school settlement which explored all aspects of the use of music for education and health. She continued to teach privately as well as in settlement music schools there.

Monica moved to Fredericksburg, along with her husband, about 40 years ago. She has a new interest in painting religious iconography and had a show of her work downtown. She has been a member of the ArtsLIVE! board of directors for three years. “Fredericksburg is a small city but has loads of things to offer if you look closely. “



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