

District of Columbia

***D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities
Samuel Miranda, Arts Education Coordinator***

General Information

Organization Mission Statement

The mission of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities is to provide grants, programs and educational activities that encourage diverse artistic expressions and learning opportunities so that all District of Columbia residents and visitors can experience the rich culture of our city.

Arts Education Program Overview

The D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities awards grants to organizations and individuals to support arts education programming in schools, arts organizations, community centers, and nonprofit organizations. The Commission partners with the D.C. Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative to fund the Arts Education Initiative, which helps a number of public and charter schools develop arts integration as part of school programming.

Grant Programs

Types of Arts Education Grant Programs

- residency program
- in-school arts education
- out-of-school time arts education
- arts education program/project support for arts organizations
- quick funds/minigrants

Groups Eligible for Grant Programs

- pre-K centers
- public schools
- charter schools
- home school groups
- arts organizations
- non-arts organizations

Total Number of Arts Education Grants Awarded in Most Recent Fiscal Year
62 grants

Total Dollar Value of Arts Education Grants Awarded in Most Recent Fiscal Year
\$817,310

Major Initiatives & Partnerships

Arts Education Initiative

In partnership with the D.C. Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative, the Commission supports the Arts Education Initiative, which provides support for and fosters arts integration in a select number of public and charter schools in the District of Columbia.

Artist Residency Program

Artist Residency Program is administered by the arts agency office.

Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud Administration

- in-house with other arts agency staff

Poetry Out Loud Participation

- number of schools participating in Poetry Out Loud program: 13

Poetry Out Loud Resources and Activities

- workshops in conjunction with state finals

Additional Prizes and Awards

- Additional prizes were purchased.

Partners, Funders or In-kind Donors That Support the Poetry Out Loud Program

Woolly Mammoth Theatre

Evaluation & Assessment

Methods of Self-Evaluation of State Arts Agency's Arts Education Program

- quantitative and qualitative grants data
- participation data

Arts Education Staffing & Network Contacts

State Department of Education Arts Curriculum Specialists

Paula Sanderlin and Ben Hall

Arts Education Program Staff, Job Title, FTE

Samuel Miranda, Arts Education Coordinator, 1.0

BIO

Samuel Miranda is an educator, poet and visual artist. Samuel has spent the last 18 years working as a teacher, administrator and education consultant in schools in Washington, DC, Mississippi, New York and Baltimore, providing professional development for teachers and administrators. He has also worked as a teaching artist in DC public schools and public charter schools providing poetry workshops and residencies for students and teachers. Samuel's art has been exhibited in Washington area venues, his poetry has been published in anthologies and online and print journals and he has performed his poetry in venues that include the Kennedy Center and The Smithsonian Museum of American Art. Samuel holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the Bennington Writing Seminars and an undergraduate degree in English and Fine Arts from Georgetown University.