

Welcome to Spring! I am so glad that the sun is shining more, and it is a joy to spend time outside. March has been a very busy month at the Maryland Center for the Arts. First, we launched our podcast, ArtSmash. We have completed the first four and you can locate them at Buzzsprout - www.buzzsprout.com/1642531/episodes. Take a listen and hear all about the many wonderful things happening at the Center and beyond. Guests Toby Musser, Mary Hasler and Barclay Gibbs share some great insights about the arts and opportunities in the region.

March has also been a busy fundraising month. We have sold almost all the tickets for *Tasting for the Arts* on April 16. There may be a few openings available, but act now, or you might not be able to enjoy the wonderful evening with Al Spoler, fine California wines with food pairings, and gifts! Our road signs have been selling as well. The two large signs on Hwy. 24 have been sold as have many of the 18x24 signs. There are only two 18x24 signs left, so hurry and be a part of this support for the arts.

We have also been very busy with grants this month. We completed the 2022 Tourism Grant and completed our interviews for a large grant from the Maryland State Arts Council. Keep a good thought for us, so we can raise these funds to support our programming. As the COVID-19 pandemic winds down, we are expanding our programs to include workshops for youth; a summer musical, the smash hit *Shout*, using professional performers; a dance concert; and a bluegrass festival. These performances will bring the community together and promote the wonderful work of the Center.

By the way, if anyone in the community has arts programming suggestions or if there are groups that would like to be included in workshops, be sure to contact our office. We would love to hear from you. The Maryland Center for the Arts is expanding and developing new programming every day, and we want you to be part of it all. Check out our web page at mdcenterforthearts.org for all our upcoming events! We are looking forward to seeing you at our exciting programs and performances, and as always, stay happy, stay healthy, and *Stay Artistic!*