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## ARTSTREAM RECEIVES ROSS ROBERTS FUND FOR THE ARTS GRANT

Thank you to the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and the Ross-Roberts Fund for the Arts for their generosity and support of the arts! Check out the video on our blog that features auditions for Virginia Theatre Companies, along with interviews from ArtStreamer Lukas McCormick and his mother, Nancy McCormick.



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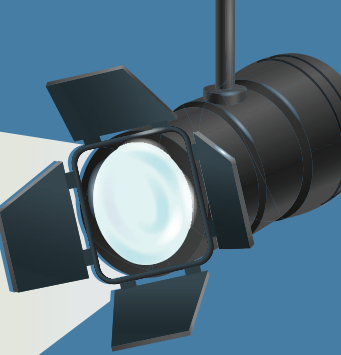
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# The Spotlight

*A newsletter for an inclusive world*

WINTER 2022



## WE'RE BACK!

This year ArtStreamers are back on stage and online, with ten original productions being created right now in ArtStream's Theatre and Cabaret Companies!

### ARTSTREAM THEATRE COMPANY/CABARET 2022 PERFORMANCE DATES

VIRGINIA CABARET  
SYNETHIC THEATER  
DECEMBER 20TH & APRIL 25TH AT 7:30PM

MARYLAND CABARET  
AMP BY STRATHMORE  
JANUARY 10TH & MAY 2ND AT 7:30PM

ALEXANDRIA THEATRE COMPANY  
SYNETHIC THEATER  
MARCH 25TH, 31ST, & APRIL 1ST AT 7:30PM  
MARCH 26TH, 27TH, & APRIL 2ND AT 2:30PM

GAITHERSBURG THEATRE COMPANY  
BENDER JCC  
MAY 13TH & 20TH AT 7:30PM  
MAY 14TH, 15TH, & 21ST, & MAY 22ND AT 2:30PM

SILVER SPRING THEATRE COMPANY  
SILVER SPRING BLACK BOX  
JUNE 10TH & 17TH AT 7:30PM  
JUNE 11TH, 12TH, & 18TH, & JUNE 19TH AT 2:30PM

### VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE DATES

MARYLAND & VIRGINIA CABARETS – FALL COMPANIES  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
JAN 28, 2022  
7:30 PM

ALEXANDRIA THEATRE COMPANIES  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
APRIL 14, 2022  
7:30 PM

MARYLAND & VIRGINIA CABARETS – SPRING COMPANIES  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
MAY 23, 2022  
7:30 PM

GAITHERSBURG THEATRE COMPANIES  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
JUNE 15, 2022  
7:30 PM

SILVER SPRING THEATRE COMPANIES  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
JUNE 30, 2022  
7:30 PM

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We are thrilled to celebrate Nmandi Thompson, an actor in ArtStream's Gaithersburg Theatre Company. She is an extremely talented actor who has performed on stage and virtually.

Nmandi met up with us to share her passion for acting and why she loves performing at ArtStream.

**ArtStream:** Things have been really different while classes and rehearsals have been virtual. What has it been like doing ArtStream from home?

**Nmandi:** I'm just trying to stay positive and optimistic. ArtStream helped me feel better when the pandemic hit. I could distract myself with classes even though they were online. I also got to be in a show virtually too. We worked really hard and were able to do *"I'll See You Somewhere in Dreamland"*. We filmed it on Zoom, and it was so much fun!

When we first come up with our characters, we try different voices and pick names. Then we come up with scenarios and a title for the show. We try to come up with the best ways to be creative.

[Read the rest of her interview on ArtStream's website blog!](#)

**ArtStream:** Do you get nervous when you go on stage?

**Nmandi:** The thing about being nervous is you just need to take a deep breath. Take your time, and the other actors on stage will help you. If you forget a line, just keep going. I think sometimes we think that the audience knows more than they do because if they've never seen the show before, they won't know if you mess up a line.

**ArtStream:** How does ArtStream make you feel?

**Nmandi:** It makes me feel really happy. My favorite part is collaborating. It takes the whole team to make a performance.

# Inclusion & Accessibility

We are excited to offer outstanding sign language interpreting at select in-person Theatre Company performances! Closed captioning will continue to be available for virtual premieres, which displays everything that is said word-for-word on your computer, tv, or viewing device.



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ArtStream is honored to announce that outstanding volunteer and mentor

**Haley Hubbard**

received the Knight's of St. Andrew Community Service Award in the arts, education and social services!

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

ArtStream is thrilled to share that outstanding volunteer Haley Hubbard received the Knights of St. Andrew Community Service Award in the arts, education, and social services! Haley began enthusiastically volunteering as a mentor at ArtStream in August of 2020. She's played an important leadership role on the directing team, in the classroom, and most importantly, with each ArtStreamer.

## Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the 16th Anniversary Gala & Dance Party!

We'd like to extend a special thank you to those who helped us pivot to a virtual format. We had a wonderful evening of singing, dancing, and fun!

Caroline Grabow and Chris Pagonis, Co-Emcees  
 Performance by Leslie Ellen Moore (singer) and Ana Bradley (dancer)  
 Merry Casillas, Featured Speaker

### THANK YOU TO THE GALA AND DANCE PARTY SPONSORS

Producer	Choreographer	Actor
The Brown Family	Eleanor Allen	Bev & Umit Basoglu
Ellen & Mike Cooper	Ginny & Michael Bradley	John & Shelly Bgoasky
Sari Hornstein	Lerch, Early & Brewer	Capital Bank
The McMeekin Family	David Lightfoot & Betty Tuller	Jillian & Scott Copeland
Director		Lisa Gaffney
The Myers Family	Joseph & Cecelia Pauley in memory of Judith Pauley	Gorfine Schiller Gardyn, P.A.
Amy Weinberg & Norbert Hornstein	The Veerhoff Family, in honor of ArtStream founders, performers, and volunteers	Maggie & Andrew Haslam
Designer		Jeanne & Bob Holden
The Pagonis Family		Andrea & Jeremiah Massar-Cassidy
The Washington Group Special Care Planning Team		Vu & Thanh Van Tran

## We Made the Match!

When reflecting over this past year, it's clear that it takes a village of kindhearted and generous people like you to keep the lights shining brightly so every ArtStreamer can become a star. We can only succeed together.

Thanks to generous donors like YOU, we met and surpassed the \$15,000 end-of-year fundraising match generously donated by board member Kristen Chou. Your gifts play a crucial role in helping each ArtStreamer showcase their talents, learn new skills, and connect with friends.

We are grateful for our talented and dedicated Teaching Artists and the remarkable volunteers who contribute over 4,000 hours of their time. Thank you to each and every one of you for ensuring ArtStreamers discover their creativity and

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