

SPOTLIGHT *Newsletter*

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A newsletter for an Inclusive World

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Welcome to ArtStream's
new Executive Director,



Derrick J. Washington!

Derrick has made his career in the DMV over the past 16 years in a variety of professional positions in the fields of Education, Social Work, and Human Services. He served most recently as Executive Director of Nova Labs, Inc., a non-profit that provides hands-on learning space where people are encouraged to explore and collaborate with one another on creative and entrepreneurial projects. Derrick not only supervised 500+ "makerspace" members and volunteers, he also cultivated productive relationships with the philanthropic sector, including local, regional, and national organizations and foundations. With two master's degrees, one in Social Work and the other in Divinity, he brings a new and fresh perspective to ArtStream — one that champions open communications and develops strong collaborative work environments among colleagues. Please join us in welcoming him and wishing him support and the best of luck.

Mentor SPOTLIGHT

Meet: **Ian Bannon**



We are thrilled to put Ian Bannon, who began as a mentor at ArtStream in 2017, in the Mentor Spotlight! In chatting with Ian, we are reminded that acts of goodwill, no matter how small, have the potential to ripple across communities, leaving a lasting impact that extends far beyond the initial act. We had the opportunity to chat with Ian to learn more about his work at ArtStream.

What do you feel is most important to share and offer your students?

"Yes, you can!" pretty much summarizes it for me. Most of our students are often told the things they cannot do. At ArtStream we prove to them they can get up on a stage in front of a paying audience, succeed, and have fun. When they can do this, they know they can face any challenge.

What kinds of changes have you seen ArtStream students make in classes and rehearsals?

Their growth in confidence and performing skills is an obvious one. I remember a new actor rehearsing in front of a mic, looking down at her shoes and having trouble raising her voice above a whisper. At our last show, she strode confidently to the mic and sang a lovely song all the while engaging with the audience—she killed it.

Read the rest of Ian's interview on ArtStream's blog!

ArtStream is always on the lookout for fabulous Volunteers and Mentors to join our team. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Mraz at k.mraz@art-stream.org

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Sign up for classes!

We have an amazing line-up of fun classes to take!

Audition Techniques

In-Person | 8 Weeks | Weekly on Tuesdays
October 3rd - December 5th
(no class on October 31st or November 21st)
7:00 - 8:30pm

Teaching Artists: Natalie Zanin and Alice English
Location: Round House Education Center

The Actor's Craft

In-Person | 6 Weeks | Weekly on Wednesdays
October 4th - November 8th
7:00 - 8:30pm

Teaching Artist: Brett McCoy
Location: Casey Community Center

Mini Theatre Company

In-Person | 8 Weeks | Weekly on Mondays
October 16th - December 4th
7:00 - 8:30pm

Teaching Artist: Kathryn Hamilton-Lodge
Location: Casey Community Center

Take Five: Dance

Virtual | 5-Day Class | Monday-Friday
October 16th - 20th
4:30 - 6:00pm

Teaching Artist: Sandy Roachford and Shelley Fisher
Location: Zoom

Classes are accessible, empowering, and engaging. Participants learn performing arts and social skills through inclusive participation. All ArtStreamers are valued for their creative contributions. After participating in an ArtStream class or performing company, students perceive themselves as markedly improving in both their performance and communication abilities, making new friends, trying new things, and being comfortable working in a group.

We believe in theatre for an inclusive world and don't want cost to prevent you from participating in an ArtStream activity. Request tuition assistance for any class by contacting us at info@art-stream.org or 301-830-5887.



ArtStream staff are here to help!

Call our main number, 301-565-4567, and leave us a message, email us, or call one of us directly.

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ARTSTREAM'S 2024 PERFORMANCE SEASON

MARYLAND CABARET

January 12, 2024 at 7:30pm

ALEXANDRIA THEATRE COMPANY

March 8, 2024 at 7:30pm
March 9 and 10, 2024 at 2:30pm

GAITHERSBURG THEATRE COMPANIES

May 9, 2024 at 7:30pm
May 10 and 11, 2024 at 2:30pm

SILVER SPRING THEATRE COMPANIES

June 7, 2024 at 7:30pm
June 8 and 9, 2024 at 2:30pm

Interested in auditioning for a theatre company?

Auditions for the Silver Spring and Gaithersburg Theatre Companies are coming up in November and December.

Actors must be 18 years of age or older and participated in at least eight weeks of ArtStream classes in the past two years to be eligible to audition.

Reserve your spot on the audition list by contacting **Axel Cruz** at a.cruz@art-stream.org. When there is space in the company, we will invite you to join us for an audition.



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