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## **GBCA AND BOPA ANNOUNCE NEXT ROUND OF MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL MINI-GRANTS**

*Baltimore, August 10, 2015* – The [Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance](#) (GBCA) and [The Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts](#) (BOPA) are pleased to announce the five artists and organizations selected for 2015 Maryland State Arts Council Mini-Grants. Grants of \$500 will be made to support grassroots arts activities responding to the recent uprising in Baltimore City.

### **The second round of MSAC Mini-Grants goes to:**

[901 Arts](#): to support the Summer Arts and Music Experience (SAME), a low-cost art and music summer camp serving youth in the Better Waverly community.

[Believe in Music](#): to support a culminating music recital of Believe in Music program students at a free event in the Perkins Homes community.

[Christina Delgado](#): to support Bridging the Gap, a pilot program art project that uses photography to share experiences and make connections between police, youth, and the community.

[Gregory Hatza](#): to support *A Night of Healing*, a jazz and gospel music concert at St. Gregory the Great church on Gilmore Avenue, a historically African American Catholic Church serving the Sandtown-Winchester community.

[Muse 360 Arts](#): to support *Dancing Many Drums*, arts-based youth development program that uses experiential learning, artistic expression, and travel to develop youth leadership skills.

The MSAC Mini-Grant program was established to provide responsive support to community-based artists and organizations undertaking arts events and programming that respond to the May uprising in Baltimore. The program highlights the critical role of arts and culture in community building efforts and as tools for healing. The program is made possible by generous funding by the Maryland State Arts Council and is administered by the Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts and the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance.





GBCA is a membership and service organization that nurtures and promotes a vibrant, diverse, and sustainable arts and cultural community essential to the region's economic success and quality of life.

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The Baltimore Office of Promotion and The Arts (BOPA) is the Arts Council for the City of Baltimore. A 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, it produces festivals, special events and promotions for Baltimore City, addresses the needs of the arts community through arts and cultural activities, advocacy and support, and develops and administers funds, grant programs and community workshops.

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