

# NBAF

## NATIONAL BLACK ARTS™

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

NextGen Artist, Move/Dance and Fashion Forward expose youth in underserved communities to art and artistic professions.

### PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Experiential engagement events that expose, engage, educate and entertain audiences through fine art and cultural experiences.

### ARTISTIC DEVELOPMENT

Utilizing the NBAF platform and resources to help artists transform their art into commerce.

**F**resh off the heels of our 30th anniversary year, we are excited to announce several initiatives that will lead to new growth and opportunities for advancement for the work of artists of African descent. Most importantly, NBAF has worked for several years to become known as more than a summer festival. Thanks to the support of our Board, volunteers, patrons and generous corporate partners, we have become a sustainable year round arts organization!

Over the past year, we've worked to cultivate programming that impacts the future through youth education, supports emerging artists and yet still provides festival-like arts programs for the public throughout the calendar year.

And we've already enjoyed tremendous success by eliminating the barriers that were imposed by a defined season.

Every step forward furthers our mission to expose, educate, engage and entertain audiences as we present and support fine art and artists of African descent, while broadening cultural experiences for all. Our mission and our fine arts disciplines are the same. We're just no longer bound by time.

To reflect the success of these efforts, we are now known as the **NATIONAL BLACK ARTS**. We're keeping the acronym **NBAF** because it has become a familiar and cherished brand

across the many communities we serve for the past 30 years. But the "**F**" now means so much more than "Festival." Now it serves to remind us every day to further the mission behind supporting the National Black Arts. We will **F**ind it. We will **F**und it. We will **F**eature it. And we will **F**ight for it. All with your continued support and patronage.

And speaking of patrons, we could have never gotten this far without the generous support of numerous local funders. With your continued help, guidance and vital support, the stage is set for the National Black Arts to thrive for generations to come! For more information, visit us at [www.nba.org](http://www.nba.org).



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