A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR MISSION

ARTIST PROJECT FUND

PUBLIC PROGRAMS
Artist Project Fund, Empower Hour Workshops, We the People: Block Party, Juneteenth, Articulate ATL - Digital Exhibit, Be Free: Rhymes & Rhythm, Black to Life Film Fest

YOUTH PROGRAMS
Move/Dance! and NextGen Artist

SPECIAL EVENTS
Fine Art + Fashion, Gala 25th Anniversary, Imagine Artist Showcase

COMMUNITY PARTNERS & DONORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

GET INVOLVED
NBAF’s theme for 2022 has been "Empower the Possibilities" which highlights our collective efforts to foster opportunities for artists to realize their greatest potential and know that their dreams are possible. Through uplifting, investing and championing the work of Black Artists nationwide, NBAF is intentionally deeply investing in the artist community and producing robust and intentional programming across artistic disciplines that upholds the stellar legacy of the organization.

This work corresponds directly to NBAF’s internal vision of "Moving in Unity, Creating with Excellence" and I’m very proud of the NBAF team and all that we’ve been able to accomplish together to date, as we help facilitate groundbreaking work that inspires and elevates Black artistry.

We thank each of you so much for your steadfast support of our programs and mission as we work together to create the change that we want to see through the power of art.

Stephanie Owens
MISSION

TO EXPOSE, EDUCATE, ENGAGE, AND ENTERTAIN AUDIENCES AS WE PRESENT AND SUPPORT THE ART AND ARTISTS OF AFRICAN DESCENT.

EXPOSE
Expose broad audiences to art and artists of African descent through collaboration and curated programs.

EDUCATE
Educate students by offering award-winning programs to celebrate creative expression and diverse culture.

ENGAGE
Engage audiences, highlighting emerging and established artists through experiential events.

ENTERTAIN
Entertain audiences by showcasing multi-disciplinary artistic performances by broadening the cultural experience of diverse communities.
PowerHaus Creative and NBAF partnered up to curate "Empower Hour" workshops to provide business support training relevant to the artist community for over 300 attendees! Topics included tax preparation, creating winning sponsorship proposals, budgeting and more.

The NBAF Artist Project Fund has evolved from COVID relief for black artists to year-long support towards the growth and development of artists with financial and business support resources to ensure their projects thrive and make an economic impact.

In 2022, $40,000 was awarded to 20 co-horts.
PUBLIC PROGRAMS

NBAF curated quarterly activations to help position the organization at the forefront of entertainment and provide exposure for Black Artists through programming that intersects across multiple artistic disciplines.

WE THE PEOPLE: BLOCK PARTY

NBAF partnered with Maverick ATL to curate a block party for Atlanta creatives, tastemakers, and Maverick residences in celebration of two murals and a sculpture made by Maverick’s Artists-In-Residence Courtney Brooks and Pete Parker.
JUNETEENTH 2022

NBAF partnered with Atlanta Beltline Curator in Residence, museSalon, to sponsor the PolyRhythmiQ Music Festival during Juneteenth weekend. The festival featured live music by Atlanta-based musicians and also included information booths, small business vendors, wellness, children's activities, and a NBAF booth featuring a live interactive art installation by Sean Fahie.
NBAF partnered with ARTiculate ATL to curate a panel discussion on "The Art of Collecting: URL v. IRL" as well as a digital art exhibit featuring work by talented digital artists including some NBAF Artist Project Fund cohort members.
BE FREE: RHYMES AND RHYTHMS

In honor of Black August, NBAF curated a night of poetry and dance featuring local black creatives and businesses to express black liberation. Miyana Server, creator of Poetry on Peter, hosted the event, while AOVO & Company's artistic director Deborah Hughes blessed the stage with dance choreography and performance and DJ November Rose set the tone for the night.

BLACK TO LIFE: FILM FEST

NBAF and Elevate Atlanta collaborated to present a film fest celebrating 8 black and white films composed of narratives that reflect the physical, mental, and spiritual spaces from black creatives transitioning through day-to-day obstacles, moments of joy, and self awareness during our global pandemic.

Spirit never dies, only transions.
MOVE/DANCE! PROGRAM provides dance education in local Atlanta public schools to encourage young talent and support their health and wellness goals.

NextGen Artist Program nurtures the dreams and creativity high school juniors and seniors who are emerging artists of African descent through workshops, mentorship, and professional development.
YOUTH PROGRAMS:

ELEMENTS OF HIP HOP
January 15 - May 16, 2022
Move/Dance! partnered with Annie E. Casey Foundation at Pittsburgh Yards to curate a series of events focusing on the foundational elements of Hip Hop to engage youth and young adults in the arts while dismantling enigma about Hip Hop culture.

SPELMAN PARTNERSHIP
Move/Dance! and the Spelman College Dance Performance & Choreography Department partnered up to provide the “Art of Teaching Dance”, which provides a pipeline to collegiate dance for Atlanta youth through Spelman-led dance classes at public schools.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AT MAYNARD
At Maynard High, NGA partnered with Artzybella, a socially-responsible art studio creating jobs for creatives professionals, to provide mentorship and workshops to students with interest in animation, digital art, and film media.

NGA RESIDENCY AT DREW CHARTER
At Drew Charter School, NBAF offers residencies for local artists to provide workshops about all aspects of the arts. With the help of NextGen Artist programming, Drew Charter become the first high school and Title 1 middle school to receive STEAM certification in the state of Georgia in 2022.

OVER 600 STUDENTS & 10 SCHOOLS SERVED IN 2022
FINE ART + FASHION
Sponsored by Neiman Marcus, Fine Art & Fashion invites lovers of art and fashion to celebrate both the talent of established designers through an impeccably curated fashion show while highlighting emerging artists through the annual Fashion Forward Student Design Competition.

GALA 25TH ANNIVERSARY
Donors and artists gathered to celebrate the rich history and cultural legacy of NBAF with great food, live entertainment and distinguished guests.

IMAGINE SHOWCASE
Gala ticket holders gathered for a pre-event to interact with and learn about artists and projects supported by NBAF. The showcase featured a sneak peak of the Gala's silent auction items and a performance by Grammy Award winning R&B artists, Anthony Hamilton.
The Fashion Forward competition was established in 2010 to recognize student fashion designers of African descent and their creative achievements in the industry. Along with a cash prize, their winning designs are exhibited in Neiman Marcus stores and the Fine Art + Fashion event.

2022 FASHION FORWARD HONOREES

D’ON LAUREN EDWARDS
ANDREW GATEHI
YEMISI SANNI

2022 HORIZON AWARD WINNERS

NBAF’S Horizon Awards for Emerging Artists seeks to help aspiring emerging artists of African descent to scale their careers. Winning artists receive a $10,000 awards package to fund their practice and career.

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REVENUE AND SUPPORT

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Special Events 48.7%
Government Grants 22.6%
Corporate & Business Grants 8.4%
Foundation & Trust Grants 6.4%
Corporate Contributions 9.7%
Donated Art & Auction Items 3.1%
Ticket Sales 0.3%

EXPENSES

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Admin/Overhead 29.6%
Public Programs 17%
Gala 6.9%
Fine Art+Fashion 4%
Marketing 3%
Horizon Awards 6%
Artist Project Fund 10.3%
Move/Dance 10%
Visual Arts/Gallery 2.6%
Next/Gen 10%
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