



City of Dallas

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

November 20, 2025

Office of Arts and Culture
City of Dallas

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- Public Speakers
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Public Art Committee Resident Renomination



We have four resident members of the public art committee that are seeking renomination to serve another 2 year term. This term would be from November 2025- November 2027.

The names of these members are

- 1) Leigh Arnold
- 2) Marion Marshall
- 3) Petrine Abrahams
- 4) Krista Farber Weinstein



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OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE CITY OF DALLAS



ABOUT US: ICHF

- **Serving the Dallas Area for 30 years**
- **Promoting Intercultural Awareness**
- **High Quality Programming**
- **Community Outreach**
- **Expanding Audiences**
- **Education .. Training .. Promotion**


A SAMPLING OF OUR PRESENTATIONS









An Original production by Arathi School of Dance
in collaboration with
Bandan Koro; an African Drum and Dance Ensemble

PANCHATANTRA

Fables of India



August 5th, 2022 | 7pm
 Moody Performance Hall
 Dallas, TX
 Tickets at: <https://tinyurl.com/2s4cdczz>



Indian Cultural Heritage Foundation

PRAGATHI by Arathi School of Dance

JWALA - Rising Flame
by
Mythili Prakash
With Live Music

exploring the enigmatic quality of the Flame: that
which burns is that which simultaneously illuminates

 Office of Cultural Affairs
 CITY OF DALLAS




On August 12th 2018 5pm
 at Moody Performance Hall
 2520 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201

ICHFDfw@gmail.com Suma Kulkarni 972-960-9706 Revathi Satru 214-587-7223
 Shalini Varghese 469-767-7425 Bhuvana Venkatraman 469-323-6878 Sarita Venkatraman 972-333-7832





Indian Cultural Heritage foundation
presents

Abhinava Dance Company's
KRISHNAA
Fire to Frost

A spectacular dance musical on the enigmatic
personality from the Mahabharata - Draupadi!

Produced, Directed and Choreographed by
Nirupama - Rajendra
SNA Awardees, Directors, Abhinava Dance Company, Bangalore

Music: Praveen D Rao
Text: Kumaravyasa, Shatavadhani Dr. R Ganesh

Special Feature :
Local dancers trained intensely at the summer school
will perform two unique choreographies
of Nirupama and Rajendra.

3rd Aug 2024 | 5:00pm
Venue : Moody Performance Hall, Dallas, TX



For tickets contact :
sumakulkarni@yahoo.com or +1 (972) 960 - 9223









SHARMILA BISWAS
World-renowned Dancer and Choreographer

Workshop for dancers of all styles
July 22 - Aug 4, 2023
Plano, TX
Registration: tinyurl.com/SBiswasDEW


Performance: Aug 5, 2023
Moody Performance Hall



Workshop Location:
 Kerkira Studios,
 8020 Hedgecote Rd, #130
 Plano, TX 75024

Intermediate 6-8pm | \$250
 Advanced 8-10pm | \$300

For questions, please call or text:
 Krishnaveni Puttur: (214) 418-7300
 Suma Kulkarni: (214) 883-8538
 Anu Sury: (469) 855-0162




AKHILAM MADURAM - AUGUST 2025



INDIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION
30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DFW COMMUNITY

&

ARATHI SCHOOL OF DANCE
CELEBRATING 45 YEARS OF TEACHING

present

AKHILAM MADHURAM

August 2, 2025 at 5pm
Moody Performance Hall,
2520 Flora Street,
Dallas, TX 75201



AKHILAM MADURAM - FEEDBACK

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a part of Akhilam Maduram. Being included in such a beautiful and meaningful production has been a truly special experience for me.

What a meaningful message shown beautifully through Bharatanatyam



i not only met so many new people but made so many new friends. i'm so grateful for being a part of this amazing production. i've also grown so much as a dancer.

The stage came alive with energy, grace, and talent, leaving us all with memories we will cherish for a long time.

OUR 2026 PROGRAM: SAHA - COMING TOGETHER



SAHA - COMING TOGETHER

- **Workshop over 2 weeks**
- **Original Music**
- **Costumes & Lighting**
- **Budget: \$ 31,500**
- **Grant Request: \$14,000**

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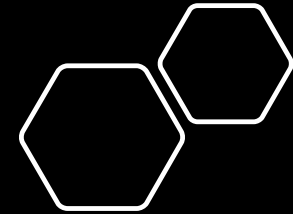
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AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM

Presented to the
Office of Arts and Culture, City of Dallas
November 20, 2025

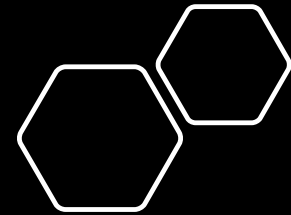




AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM

CORE VALUES

- To **Protect Cultural Memory**
- To **advance** knowledge and nourish the Human Spirit
- To be **grounded** in the rich tradition of public service
- To be **Good Stewards** of the Museums commonwealth and the community's assets and trust





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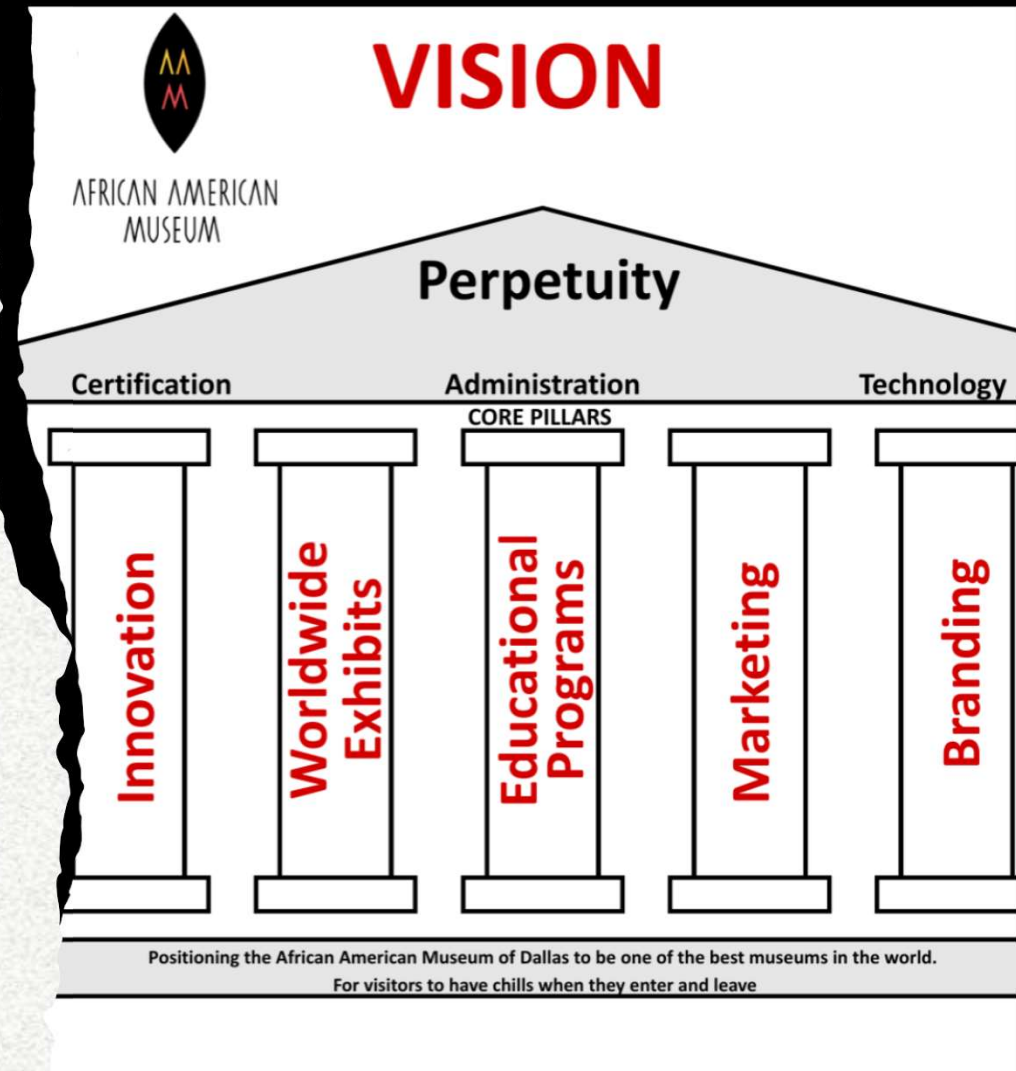
COLLABORATION

- **Cultivate** relationships with other cultural institutions
- **Advance** common ground with other cultural institutions
- **Share** data and information
- **Develop** programs that benefit the communities we serve



VISION

- To position **The African American Museum** to be one of the best museums in the world.
- For **The African American Museum** to take its rightful place with the great museums in the world
- For visitors to have a memorable and impactful experience when they enter and leave.





AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM

INFASTRUCTURE

- **Technology**
- **Human Resource Processes**
- **Financial Management Systems**





Staffing

Strengthen Staff/Alignment

- Provide ongoing training
- Financial Analyst
- Curator
- Social Media Coordinator
- Development Officer

Consultants and advisors

Mayad Public Relations, Public Relations
 Larry Guillory, Budget and Finance Advisor
 James Adams, Advisor to the Chief Program Officer
 Pholesha Johnson, Membership and Marketing Consultant
 Manuel Mauricio, Collections Management Consultant

Meet Team AAM!



Lisa Brown Ross
President and CEO



Margie J. Reese
Chief Program Officer
 mreese@aamdallas.org



Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney
Historian and Scholar-in-Residence



Daphne Stephenson Baty
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Curator in Residence



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Kelli Reynolds
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Marshall Byrd
Intern/Store Associate





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Facilities

Ensure the building is stable
for another 50 years





AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM



CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

1. The Theta Alpha Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity celebrates its 90th Year Anniversary

Aug 28 - Jan 3, 2026

2. Visual Thoughts: The Visual language of Morris Yanger

Sep 18 - Jan 3, 2026

3. Protecting Cultural Memory: A Commitment to the Conservation and Protection of the Art and Archives Held in the African American Museum, Dallas

Sep 18 - Mar 2026

4. Sankofa Children's Center

Sep 26 - Oct 19

5. Freedom School

Oct 18 - Jan 2026

6. Protecting Cultural Legacy Men's Forum

Oct 25

7. Day of Service at the Museum

Nov 1 & 2

8. The Art of Clementine Hunter

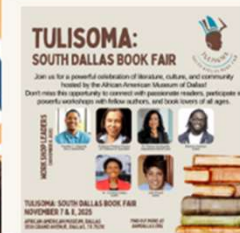
Nov 6 - Mar 1, 2026

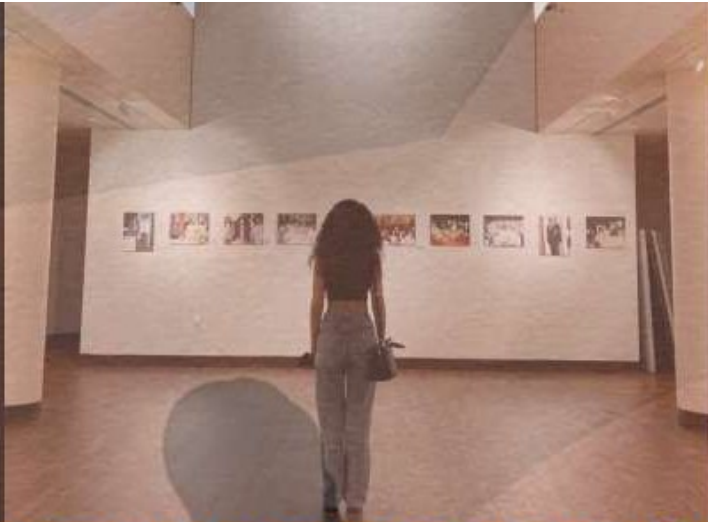
9. Tullisoma

Nov 7 - 8

10. People Who Make the World Go 'Round: The Legacy of Sepia Magazine

Apr 26, 2026 - Aug 11, 2026





MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY



THANK YOU!



Pholesha Johnson
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Annual Report Update FY 24-25



The content for the FY 24-25 Arts and Culture Advisory Commission annual report has been shared with commission; we have not received any written feedback but would like to allow an opportunity to provide any verbal feedback today.

The Annual Report Committee will be meeting in December to finalize a stylized draft for this report. The draft will be sent out to full commission for feedback via email on **December 15th**. Since full commission will not meet in December, we ask that you submit your written feedback to Adriana by **January 5th** so that it can be incorporated into the final design.



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Culture of Value



- Culture of Value is a collaborative micro-grant program from the Office of Arts and Culture (OAC), Dallas Public Library (DPL), and Dallas Park and Recreation (PKR).
 - **PKR and DPL** provided free venue space, equipment, and on-site support for artists.
 - **OAC** awarded each selected artist or organization **\$3,000** and provided **marketing and promotional materials**.
 - **All events** are **open and free to the public**, celebrating Dallas' creative communities in every Council District.

**CULTURE OF
VALUE
MONTH -2025-**



Culture of Value



Unique Match Process

- Artists applied using a list of **participating venues** (libraries and recreation centers) and their available **resources and spaces**.
- Proposals were **scored (0–100)** by a **review panel** representing OAC, PKR, and DPL.
- Venues received **personalized proposal lists** of artists who:
 - Requested that specific venue, and
 - Scored **at least 60 points**.
- Each venue liaison **ranked up to five proposals** (1st–5th choice) based on fit with their programming needs.
- OAC conducted the final **artist-venue match** based on rankings and program alignment.



Culture of Value



- **91** applications were submitted.
- **50 events in 30 days:** at least 2 events in every district between Nov. 1 – 30!
- 50 artists and organizations celebrating Dallas' communities supported through this program, including **9 artists new to OAC**
- All Commissioners received an email on Friday, October 31 with events in their home districts; a full calendar is also available online.
<https://dallasculture.org/cultureofvaluemonth/>
- **16** events are still scheduled until the end of the month. Hope to see you there! Please share widely.



Briefing Memos



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Arts and Culture Advisory Commission Meetings

- Allocations Committee, Committee Chair Mickie Bragalone – (December 4, 2025)
- Annual Report Committee, Committee Chair Sylvia Bodell – (December 10, 2025)
- Public Art Committee, Committee Chair, Krista Weinstein – (January 6, 2026)
- Annual Report Committee, Committee Chair Sylvia Bodell – (January 7, 2026)
- Allocations Committee, Committee Chair Mickie Bragalone – (January 8, 2026)
- **Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, Chair David Small – (January 15, 2026)**





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