

# Commission Structure

The Commission has 15 members who are appointed to staggered, three year terms by City Council. Five members are appointed to represent arts consumers, five are appointed for their expertise in each of the five arts disciplines (Dance, Literature, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts) and five are appointed for their expertise in arts education, business or marketing.

The Commission has six standing committees (Arts Education, Business and the Arts, Grants, Marketing, Policy and Public Art) to implement the goals of its Strategic Plan. From time to time, ad hoc committees are appointed to study major issues which arise in the local arts community. Each committee is chaired by a Commissioner appointed by the Chair of the Commission for a one-year term.

The Commission also has five Grants Resource Panels (Dance, Literature, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts). Members of the arts discipline Resource Panels review and make recommendation on funding for all grant applications, prepare evaluations of grantees' programs and projects and, near the end of each fiscal year, provide the Commission with an assessment of their designated arts discipline.

The Public Art Committee, a separate subordinate body reporting to the Commission, is empowered under the City's Policy on Acquired Art to review and make recommendations regarding all art works which are being considered for purchase, commission or are offered to the City as gifts.

The Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month, at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street. Its meetings and those of its subordinate bodies are open to the public.

The Commission is a member of the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the MetroArts Consortium, the Northern Virginia Arts Alliance, and the Americans for the Arts. It is also the official agency of the City which annually requests, and depending upon funding, is the recipient of the Local Government Challenge Grant from the Virginia Commission for the Arts.

Additional information about the programs and services of the Commission, calendar information or volunteer opportunities can be obtained by writing or calling:



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