

Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation

According to their website, the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation (MAAF) was founded under the name Mid Atlantic States Arts Consortium in 1979 and included the states of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia in their mission to “support the richness and diversity of the region’s arts resources and promotes wider access to the art and artists of the region, nation and world.”

Since its debut, the MAAF has helped to support many regional artists and art centers. It has funded thousands of art and performance projects, helping to give millions of dollars back into making the arts an important part of the region’s communities. Over the last five years, this nonprofit organization has built a core of program initiatives designed to address specific issues of regional arts support. The work of the Foundation has been focused on:

- Artist issues, services and support
- Access to arts programs for audiences/participants
- Developing an infrastructure for touring and presenting
- Making connections beyond the region
- Developing partnerships
- Strengthening existing networks
- Building new sources of revenue
- Discovering ways of being of service to the member states
- Exploring sub-regional initiatives and collaborations with subsets of MAAF state members
- Serving the diverse constituency of the region
- Building identity and visibility for MAAF and its programs
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