

In 1979, the former Annapolis High School is reborn as Maryland Hall. This adaptive re-use of the 1932 building evolved from a partnership between local arts advocates and the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

Susan Gans becomes Executive Director

Receives a \$25,000 grant from Anne Arundel County to open

Studio spaces are rented out

Ballet Theatre of Annapolis, Annapolis Opera, Annapolis Chorale & Prevailing Winds join as Resident Companies



First Classes Launch with an Open House for registration

MD Hall launches a pilot program with Anne Arundel Community College to offer credit courses sponsored by AACC.

Opening of Artist-In-Residence Gallery designed by Architect-in-Residence Michael Justin Dowling featuring works of Donald Cook, John Kucera, Cedric Egeli, Katherine Atterbury, Lauretta Bonfiglio, Louella Morgenthaler, Denise D'Aoust, Lee Boynton, Joanne Scott, Joanette Egeli, Bonnie Roth

1981

Anne Arundel Community Band, sponsored by Maryland Hall, makes its premiere performance





1982 (CONT'D)

First Co-Ops form including Woodshop Cooperative opens for experienced craftsman, cabinet makers and artisans to have a creative environment to work

Mentor/teaching/assistant program opens to high school students

Maryland Hall's enrollment increases by 99% since its opening!

First Theater Renovation

1982

The Preparatory Department of the Peabody Department of Music opens a branch at MD Hall. Executive Director Susan Gans tells the Arundel Sun, "The music program started by Maryland Hall faculty members will be strengthened by the new association...it is a most welcomed collaboration for Maryland Hall."

MD Hall 1st Annual Picnic with the Arts where performances, workshops, displays, and chances for the community to sign up for classes takes place

Cooperative woodshop

-opened at Marylan

A woodshop cooperative has been open-ed at Maryland Hall, and workspace is available now to experienced craftsmen, cabinet makers and artisans.

The cooperative is an opportunity for those seriously interested in pursuing woodworking as a craft, and can provide their own tools and materials, to work in an artistic atmosphere with others who have

Fred Delevan of Annapolis, woodshop cooperative coordinator, said that many people who would like to create wood projects do not have appropriate space in their homes, so Maryland Hall has agreed to provide an adequate location so artisans can work in a creative emisconer. The cooperative will be ground level room at Mai located on Greenfield St. off room will be available for use Maryland Hall is open: Mond

cooperative members and M will provide electric lights, por custodian services and public surance. Coop members must a

1978

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts Inc., chaired by Joanne Scott, is granted use of Annapolis Senior High School as a center for the creative arts. Use of the facility includes classes for children in the Gifted and Talented Program of AACPS. Senator Roy N. Staten said at the time, "There is considerable interest in the community and from the board of education. I think Dr. Anderson doesn't want to see that beautiful old building torn down."



Maryland Hall wins The Orlando Rideout prize for historic preservation

Arts resource library opened due to the efforts of the Junior League

First Display of Student Artwork

Photography program, guitar lessons, fiddle lessons, and yoga are added

First Film Series! MD Hall presents Walt Disney Summer Film Series

Maryland Hall celebrates its 4th anniversary with a dance time birthday party that kicks off a capital fund campaign of 3.4 million needed for facility renovations







1985

City gives \$7,000 to refurbish lighting system in the theatre

First Exhibition

National Endowment for the Arts, Anne Arundel County awards a divided \$40,000 grant to four facilities: Maryland Hall, Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre, Colonial Players, and Baldwin Hall

1986

First computer at Maryland Hall

Cardinal Industries donates the Cardinal Gallery. One of the first exhibits in the Cardinal Gallery was "Diverse Directions: five black artists" followed by a gospel concert in celebration of black history month

1987

Carroll Kenney Bailey becomes Executive Director

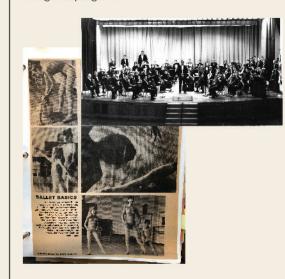
1st member newsletter is distributed and begins to be published quarterly

Adult art sampler-program to encourage adult registration

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra joins as a Resident Company

1988

Enrollment of almost 300 students, with over 60 students from AACPS' talented and gifted program





1989

Artists in the Neighborhood is formed, offering free painting and drawing classes to children 6-14 in designated housing areas

Maryland Hall's Artist-in-Residence program housed 19 artists, and exhibited over 30 professional artists as well as other traveling shows, competitions, and children's art

1990

Michael R. Bailey becomes Executive Director

For the 10th anniversary celebration Maryland Hall invited and housed an impressive list of performances and activities, including a performance by trumpetist Wynton Marsalis and a lecture by writer Tom Clancey.

"Balcony Program" offered - purchasing of concert tickets for interested high school students who may not be able to afford them

Maryland Hall Drawing and Painting Cooperative is formed





1992

New Outreach Programs created: Public Arts Kid's Program, Turn Right! (a performing arts program), partial scholarships for adults with disabilities, and a program to bring artist exhibits from out of town





Quiet Waters Park and Maryland Hall joined forces in 1994 to create the Sculpture Garden at Quiet Waters. Other contributors involved with this project were The Friends of Quiet Waters and The Friends of the Maryland Federation of Art.

Asian Style Painting, African Dance, and Photography for Kids courses are added



1999

Maryland Hall celebrates its 20th anniversary

Gala Under the Stars 20th anniversary Celebration includes the "Arts Alive!" auction and "An evening with Friends" series of performances, and "Picnic with the Arts"

Homestead Gardens celebrates MD Hall's 20th Anniversary with a donation of Commemorative Lillies to the gardens and front entrance

First AACPS High School Battle of the Bands

First ArtFest



2002

Completed in 2002 with generous funding from the TKF Foundation/Nature Sacred, the labyrinth is a replica of the one at the Cathedral of the Chartres in Paris, France. It is open for public use year-round, is approximately one-half mile in length and has a diameter of just over 42 feet. In Summer 2019, a free sharing library was installed next to the Labyrinth.

2004

Founders Day Celebrates 25th Anniversary

1993

Second year of Outreach growth: the Artist-in-Residence outreach program offered drama programs for children and teens with emotional disabilities and developmentally challenged adults, special education dance programs, middle school visual arts programs, and African art workshops.

Yearly enrollment exceeds 4,000 students



1995

Hall of Fame Garden in front of MD Hall is dedicated

Classes such as Abstract Painting, Monet studies, Jewelry co-op, Adult Acting, and Kindermusik, (amongst others) are added

1996

Linnell Bowen becomes Executive Director

1997

The Main Theatre gets a new HVAC system with Air Conditioning



2000

Campaign launched to replace windows

2001

Founders' Green project takes place building a garden, outdoor classroom, and Labyrinth









Maryland Hall sponsors The Emerging Artist Series, World Artist Experiences, Independent Film Series, the Main Stage Series, which all helped to contribute the over 69,000 attendees at Maryland Hall's performances.

Chaney Gallery is named

2007

Martino Gallery is named

2013

Rams Head Partnership re-established approximately 17,000 RH patrons have come to MD Hall

2014

Jovenas Artistas is Established



2015

Openshaw Gallery Opens Urban Walls Brazil paints murals in 1st floor hallway

2017

Goldstein-Cunitz Center for Film & New Media is established

Margaret B. Davis becomes President & CEO





2018

Cafe at Maryland Hall Opens as the 1st student run business in Anne Arundel County Public Schools

Mural Project transforms rear of building and compliments new wing

2nd Theatre Renovation Completed & Opening of Production Wing



2020 "The Other

"The Other Side of King: A Musical" debuts with an outpouring of community support

Launch of AFF Film Society

Over 100,000 patrons served annually



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2019

Launch of Paul Reed Smith Summer Camp

Outreach students paint murals on BGE Transformers in the Community for new pilot program

Air handler mural is installed

Michael E. Busch Center for the Arts at Maryland Hall is established





