

# WASHINGTON PERFORMING ARTS WOMEN'S COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Founded in 1969, the Women's Committee of Washington Performing Arts was one of the earliest-formed volunteer organizations for women in the nation's capital that focuses on community service through the performing arts and support for high quality performances. Throughout the years, the Women's Committee has engaged in supporting meaningful programming at Washington Performing Arts, including:

## **Task Force for the Arts and Social Justice**

Wishing to take action in response to the systemic racism and bigotry underpinning the insurrection at the Capitol on January 6, 2021, the Women's Committee formed a Task Force for the Arts and Social Justice to seek to address these inequities and promote healing and unity through the arts. In order to spotlight the thoughts and responses of young people, the Task Force proposed a panel discussion among members of Washington Performing Arts' Children of the Gospel Choir entitled "Using our Voices for a Collective Liberation," which took place in June 2021, and can be viewed on the Washington Performing Arts website.



## **Singer-Songwriter Competition**

To offer another space for dialogue and expression for young people, and to educate and engage listeners, the Women's Committee is sponsoring a Singer-Songwriter Competition. Applicants, DC public high school students and members of the Children of the Gospel Choir, have been asked to write and perform an original inspirational song, in any genre they choose, focusing on social justice and the impact of recent social and cultural developments. They will submit the lyrics of their song and a video of their performance to Washington Performing Arts via an online platform for judging by professional musicians.



### **Washington Performing Arts Annual Gala and Auction**

The Women’s Committee collaborates with Washington Performing Arts to stage this festive, annual event. Members play a key role in arranging the Silent Auction and soliciting valuable items for the event.

### **Enriching Experiences for Seniors**

Women’s Committee members work with Washington Performing Arts to plan, schedule, and audit musical performances at senior centers throughout the DC area. Before COVID19, the Enriching Experiences for Seniors program reached as many as 3,000 seniors annually, and performances are resuming.



### **Joseph and Goldie Feder Memorial String Competition**

This competition, started over 50 years ago, awards prizes to students in grades K-12 in the DC area who are accomplished players of string instruments. The Women’s Committee helps Washington Performing Arts coordinate the annual, daylong competition and subsequent awards performance and ceremony, where we award a Women’s Committee scholarship.

### **Host of Washington Performing Arts Performances**

Women’s Committee members are Washington Performing Arts donors and support its performances with subscriptions and individual ticket purchases. Washington Performing Arts also provides Committee members with complimentary or discounted tickets for selected performances. While our role is in flux as live performances return, we have assisted Washington Performing Arts at performances by greeting guests at the Music Center at Strathmore Comcast Lounge, the Kennedy Center Concert Hall, and other venues, and then enjoying the events with complimentary tickets.

### **Washington Performing Arts Community Events**

Women’s Committee members assist at some of the many free events that Washington Performing Arts sponsors for students and others throughout the city.

### **CONTACT**

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