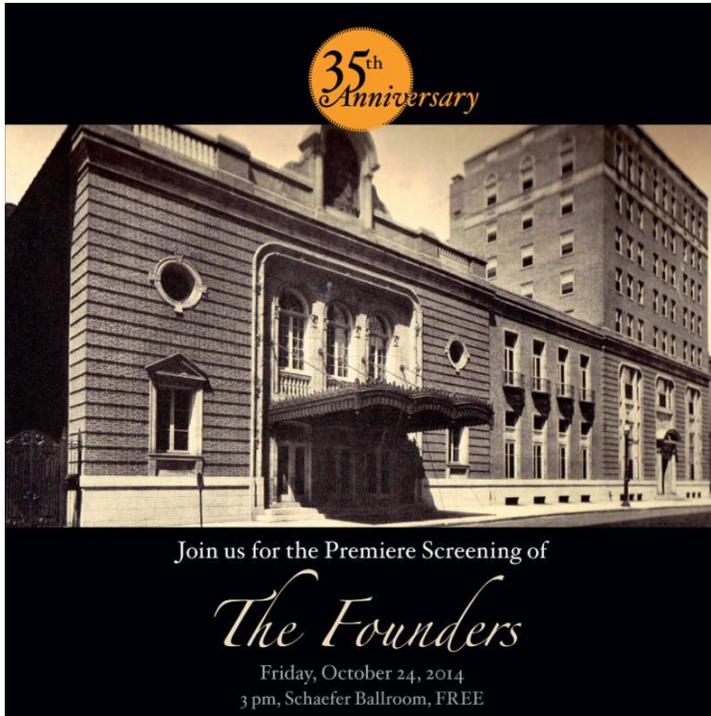


## BSA kicks off 35th Anniversary year, prepares for a year of celebration to mark the school's history



Founded in 1979, Baltimore School for the Arts began with a dedicated group of educators and a few young student artists excited to make their mark at a city public school that offered them an opportunity to pursue their passion. Truly a trailblazer in what we now recognize as a charter school movement, BSA was one of the first institutions to forge its own path, establish a partnership with the community, and hold true to its education and artistic ideals in a big city system. To this day, BSA is a model, now at the national level. One of the many events scheduled this anniversary year is the screening of *The Founders*, a faculty and student produced movie about BSA's birth. Join us to learn more about the history of this unique and successful school, one of Baltimore's marquee institutions. Free screenings are on October 24 at 3 pm and October 25 at 11 am & 6 pm. On the 24th, the film team will be there for a Q&A following the show -- Join us! To see the trailer, [click here](#).

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## Calendar of Events

### Jury Exhibition

See the best work of visual arts students selected at juries in the Spring. Runs through October 10 in the Segal Gallery. Always free and open during school hours.



### BSA Film Series

Are you a movie buff? Join our students and faculty on Wednesday afternoons in September & October for viewings of classic films followed by discussion. Check the website for the schedule. Movies begin at 4:45 pm. Shakur Black Box Theater. Free

### Grand Opening of the Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology

**SEPTEMBER 23**

Ribbon Cutting. 3:30 pm

Open House. 4:30 pm

### Open House/ Information Day

**OCTOBER 11**

For prospective students and their families. 9 am-2 pm.

For more info, [click here](#).

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## Center for Collaborative Arts & Technology brings innovative thinking and resources about creative environments to BSA

When BSA opened the doors for the new school year a couple of weeks ago, faculty and students were delighted to discover that the France-Merrick Library and the Meyerhoff Family Charitable Funds Computer Center had been transformed over the summer to house the Center for Collaborative Arts and Technology (C-CAT). The incredible new space is modeled on modern business incubators and features 16 work stations equipped with computers with advanced software from all arts-related fields, as well as the library's resources. Both the technology, and the layout of the space itself, is specifically designed to foster collaborative work and link student experiences with the working world. Students will be inspired to create connections between different areas of learning in innovative ways.

"BSA students in the C-CAT will multiply their creativity by working collaboratively using the latest technology--I can't wait to see what they make and where they take us!"

--Chris Ford, BSA Director



The new center will be open until 7 pm Monday-Thursday, and on Saturdays from 10 am - 2pm and is staffed with an arts technologist tasked with facilitating student and faculty work. TWIGS students will also take classes in the C-CAT during its Saturday hours. BSA will celebrate the Grand Opening of the C-CAT with the community on September 23, 2014. Grammy winning songwriter and producer Makeba Riddick (BSA '96) will be joining Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and other dignitaries and guests at a range of events on the 23rd. Join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 3:30 pm and/or for an Open House at 4:30 pm to see the C-CAT for yourself! Questions? Contact [cpolakoff@bsfa.org](mailto:cpolakoff@bsfa.org).



### First Day of TWIGS

**OCTOBER 13**

Welcome to 750 kids in grades 2-8 from more than 100 schools across Baltimore -- Afternoons and Saturdays will be busy again with the best kind of activity, children engaged in the arts!

For more information about TWIGS, [click here](#).

### 35th Anniversary Events

**OCTOBER 24**

**Alumni TED Talks** at 2 pm.  
Come learn what BSA graduates are doing out in the real world!

### Premiere Screening of

***The Founders*** at 3 pm.  
A movie about the birth of BSA filmed by students & faculty. Schaefer Ballroom. Free

### Alumni Art Exhibition & Sale

5-7 pm. Segal Gallery. Free

### Alumni Reunion

**OCTOBER 25**

All classes welcome!  
Visit with faculty & classmates to celebrate BSA!  
7 pm. Tickets \$35

### Wind Symphony & Jazz Concert

**NOVEMBER 7**

5 pm. Schaefer Ballroom.  
Tickets \$5 & \$10

### Chamber Chorus & String Orchestra

**NOVEMBER 10**

First & Franklin Presbyterian Church. 210 W. Madison St.  
7 pm. Free

### Gotta Dance III

**NOVEMBER 21**

Get ready to dance with friends to benefit BSA!

6:30 pm. Tickets \$50



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## The Daily Beast selects BSA as one of the nation's Top High Schools



Adding to its distinguished ranking from *U.S. News & World Report*, BSA is chosen as one of the best schools in the U.S. by yet another organization. For all the details, [click here](#). BSA fared particularly well in the College Bound category, placing in the Top 100 schools nationwide!

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## Star spangled students present plays, take part in Living Flag



BSA students were part of the Star Spangled Spectacular at Fort McHenry as Baltimore celebrated the bicentennial of our National Anthem. They presented historical plays developed in their yearly collaboration with the Maryland Historical Society and the National Parks. Their project, called "Citizen Stand: Battle for Baltimore 1814," featured three short works based on their research into the lives of real people in 1814. Students will also perform the plays at the [Jewish Museum of Maryland](#) on Sunday, September 21 at 1 pm. That's not all! BSA students participated with 6,600 other students in the Star Spangled Spectacular's Living Flag, the largest in history, on September 9! Sophomores are now getting ready for the 7th year of the MDHS/National Parks collaboration with this year's project focused on WWII. Stay tuned for details!

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### Opera Scenes

**DECEMBER 5**

5 pm. Schaefer Ballroom.  
Tickets \$5 & \$10

### Orchestra & Chorus Concert

**DECEMBER 18**

5 pm. Schaefer Ballroom.  
Tickets \$5 & \$10

### The Nutcracker

**DECEMBER 19-21**

Our high school and TWIGS dancers perform in Tchaikovsky's classic accompanied by the BSO at the Modell Lyric.  
Friday @ 7:30 pm; Saturday @ 11 am & 4 pm; Sunday @ 3 pm



Tickets \$30-\$80

[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call the BSO box office at 410-783-8000.

## Congratulations!

>**Avon Haughton '14** -- He won a full scholarship to The New School for Drama in New York City, one of just five winners out of 9000 competitors. See his winning video [here!](#)

>**Emily Cornett '15** -- She's one of only four BCPS student semifinalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship competition. Fewer than 1% of U.S. high school seniors qualify for this competition!

>**Jacqueline Green '06**, currently with [Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater](#), has won a prestigious [Princess Grace Award](#) for Dance Fellowship.

## BSA welcomes new faculty and board members

Seven new members -- Mario Armstrong, George Petrocheilos, Todd Harvey, Anna Dopkin, Jason Sydow, Stephanie Carter and Joni Daniels -- have joined BSA's Board of Overseers. BSA's Board provides leadership and support for the school and helps to raise awareness in the community about the students and programs. To read more about our new board members, [click here](#).

We're also happy to welcome a new Assistant Principal for Student Support, Mary R. Evans. Mary will head up the school's [student support team](#), helping to ensure that all of our students receive the help they need while at BSA.

Four new math teachers have joined the academic team -- Daniel Conway, Herbert East, Yliette Guzman and Lori Rogalski -- as well as a Spanish teacher, Alejandra Lorenzo-Chang. Five accomplished artists have joined the music department -- John Thomas, Jazz Ensemble/Combo; Janice Eteme, Lori Hultgren, and Norwood Robinson, Vocal Instructors; and Dr. Mellasenah Morris, Accompanist. Patrick Galluzzo is BSA's first Arts Technologist stationed in the C-CAT to help students and lead workshops. For more information about our faculty, visit [www.bsfa.org](http://www.bsfa.org).

Congrats to all of our HSA test-takers and the faculty -- BSA's passing rate on the 2014 tests topped 95%!



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