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Historical Information

The Virginia Commission for the Arts and Humanities was established as an agency of state government in 1968 and is mandated to support and stimulate excellence in all the arts, in their full cultural and ethnic diversity, and to make the arts accessible to all Virginians. Toward this end, it provides financial assistance for arts activities and information/advisory services to artists, arts organizations, and others interested in the arts. The Commission's funds come from the Virginia General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The name of the agency was changed to the Virginia Commission for the Arts (Record Group 152) in 1979.

The agency is guided by thirteen commissioners appointed to five year terms by the Governor and confirmed by the General Assembly. At least one commissioner is appointed from each congressional district. The Commission employs a staff to implement programs and policies and is also assisted by several advisory panels.

Major issues of interest to the commission include artistic quality, access to the arts, cultural diversity, assistance to individual artists, and development of arts organizations. Six Regional Advisory Panels, the Arts Education Advisory Panel, the Touring Advisory Panel, and Artist Fellowship Panels review and evaluate applications for grant funds with these major issues in mind. These grant funds go toward general operating support, technical assistance, local government challenge, touring assistance, artist fellowships, writers programs, residency programs, teacher assistance programs, and arts curriculum development. In addition to grants, the commission also provides information and advisory services.

Scope and Content

These records document the planning, direction, and implementation of commission programs and are evidence of actions and policy decisions. Include minutes, bylaws, grant lists, guidelines, publications, presentations, policies, press clippings, reports, surveys, tour directories, and correspondence and subject files. Note that there is some duplication between accessions.

Also includes board books/packets given to board members each board meeting. These packets include agendas, minutes of the previous meeting, recommendations, and updates (chair, executive director, committees, programs, grants, advisory panels, operations).

Topics may include: fellowships, funding, grants, local art agencies, operations, partnerships, programs, strategic planning.

Accession 37698, Delmarva Folklife Project records, 1997-1999, includes the following reports: Final report for Fieldwork Year 1: October 1997-September 1998; Final Report for Fieldwork Year 2: November 1998-

October 1999; Latino Cultural Survey, 1998-1999; and Hispanic Arts and Narratives, Fieldwork, January-July 1999.

Accession 45445: Minds Wide Open Open Program files, 2010, document the Women in the Arts program activities sponsored by the Minds Wide Open Program of the Virginia Commission for the Arts. This statewide celebration included special public programs and events including plays, choreography, compositions, and exhibitions of painting, films, and photography, etc., that were held across the Commonwealth to honor the contributions of women in the arts. Records include the final report of the program and several binders of news releases, news clippings, photographs, brochures and programs related to Women in the Arts events.

Accession 51953 includes Board packets, 1968-1971, 1973-1974, 1990-1995 Jan, 1997-2015; Publications and Tour Directories, 1992-2014; Press releases and press clippings, 1984-1992; and Correspondence and subject files, 1970-2014, including information on bylaws and policy, board committees, strategic planning, Arts in Virginia study, Women's Project, Minds Wide Open Program, Virginians for the Arts, Writers in Virginia Program, Governor's Arts Awards, Go Fish Project, Heritage Awards, and National Endowment for the Arts partnership agreements.

Accession 53791 (2.5 cu. ft.) includes Board books/packets, 2014-2022; Minutes, 1978-2000; Awards files, 2000-2009.

Accession 54470 includes Board books/packets, 2022 Oct-2025 Mar.

Other Descriptive Data

Electronic records in this collection are read-only and are only available in the Archives Research Room at the Library of Virginia. A file list is available through the online catalog entry and the link below in the finding aid. Copies are free of charge and may be requested while using the collection in-house. Copies may also be requested by contacting Archives Reference Services. Processing will take from 4-8 weeks.

Other Descriptive Data

These records are part of the Virginia Commission for the Arts record group (RG# 152)

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the following series:

- Series I. Records

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Extent

1 cu. ft. (1 box)

Arrangement

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Extent

.1 cu. ft. (1 box)

Arrangement

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Delmarva Folklife Project records - Latino Cultural Survey, 1998-1999.

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1 cu. ft. (1 box)

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This accession is arranged in chronological order.

Listing of grants, 1994-2005.

Box 1

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.35 cu. ft. (1 box)

Arrangement

This accession is arranged in chronological order.

Listing of grants, 2005-2007.

Box 1

Minutes, 2005-2007.

Box 1

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Extent

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Arrangement

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Listing of grants, 2007-2009.

Box 1

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Box 1

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Extent

2 cu. ft. (2 boxes)

Arrangement

This accession is arranged in no discernable order.

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This accession is arranged in no discernable order.

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Board books and minutes, 2001-2002.

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Board books and minutes, 2000-2001.

Box 5a

Board books and minutes, 1998-1999.

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Box 8

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Records (Board books, minutes, awards files), 1978-2020 (Accession 53791).

Extent

2.5 cu. ft. (8 boxes)

Scope and Content

Include board books, minutes, awards files and photographs.

Also includes records in electronic format (990 mb, 23 folders, 232 files). These records include event planning documentation and photographs for the Governor's Awards for the Arts, 2008 Sept 17. For file inventory for these records, see: [Inventory \(53791\)](#).

Arrangement

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Board book, 2015 Mar 25.

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Board book (Part I), 2015 June 10-11.

Box 1

Folder 4

Board book (Part II), 2015 June 10-11.

Box 1

Folder 5

Board book, 2015 Sept 30.

Box 1

Folder 6

Board book, 2015 Dec 8-9.

Box 1

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Board book, 2016 Mar 30.

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Board book (Part I), 2016 June 15-16.

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Folder 1

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Board book (Part II), 2019 June 10-11.

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Board book (Part II), 2020 June 16-17.

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Records - Board books / packets, 2022 Oct-2025 Mar (Accession 54470).

Extent

.6 cu. ft. (2 boxes)

Arrangement

This accession is arranged in chronological order.

Board book / packet, 2022 Oct 12-13.

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Board book / packet, 2022 Dec 7-8.

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