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**CORCORAN WOMEN'S COMMITTEE AWARDS  
\$15,000 GRANT TO CULTURALDC'S NEW MOBILE ART GALLERY**



(Pictured L-R, Corcoran Women's Committee Past Chair Lesley Duncan, CulturalDC's Executive Director, Tanya Hilton and Corcoran Women's Committee Member and Grants Committee Chair, Molly Rolandi)

Washington – The Corcoran Women's Committee (CWC), now an arts study and philanthropy group after the closure of the Corcoran Gallery of Art in 2014, announced Tuesday that CulturalDC and its Mobile Art Gallery was the organization's first grant recipient.

"The grants committee reviewed an impressive group of proposals and we only wish we could have awarded each and every arts group, museum or artist that applied. CulturalDC's Mobile Art Gallery stood out because of its innovative approach and its impressive reach, having hosted 40,000 visitors in its first 5 months," said Molly Rolandi, CWC grants committee chair and member of the Corcoran Board of Trustees.

CulturalDC's Mobile Art Gallery is a fully converted 40ft shipping container transformed into an immersive art

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environment. The Mobile Art Gallery will move every-8 weeks and will feature a new artist and a unique community-centered art experience designed to connect with every neighborhood it visits. The Mobile Art Gallery will visit every ward in the Washington, DC during its first year.

"We see the arts as an essential part of the health of our communities in the District," said CulturalDC Executive Director Tanya Hilton. " We are honored to be chosen as the CWC's first grant recipient and with these funds we will help CulturalDC engage new communities with innovative creative experiences."

### **ABOUT THE CORCROAN WOMEN'COMMITTEE**

The Women's Committee was founded in 1953 at the request of the Board of Directors of the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Its original mission was to serve as ambassadors for the Gallery and over time it grew into a fundraising committee for both the Gallery and the College. After the museum closed and the college became a part of George Washington University, the group retooled and became an art study and philanthropy group 'dedicated to art and encouraging American genius', as originally etched on the front door of the Flagg Building, home of the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

### **ABOUT CULTURALDC**

CulturalDC has a 19-year history of creating affordable, sustainable artist spaces in the Washington, DC, area. CulturalDC has brokered more than 250,000 square feet of artist space, including the Arts Walk at Monroe Street Market, Atlas Performing Arts Center, GALA Hispanic Theatre, Source Theatre and Woolly Mammoth Theatre. Each year, CulturalDC serves more than 1,000 artists and welcomes 30,000 audience members and participants who patronize local businesses and contribute an estimated \$1 million to the local economy.

CulturalDC's Mobile Art Gallery continues our strong history of presenting cutting edge artwork and emerging artists by allowing artists to transform a fully-outfitted 40ft shipping container into an immersive environment. The gallery moves across the city throughout the 2017-2018 season with a new exhibit and a different community project in every neighborhood it visits. By outfitting a portable shipping container as a multi-functional space for art and by partnering with unconventional venues across the city, CulturalDC ensures that communities experience and engage in groundbreaking works.

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