



FULTON COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE

40 YEARS OF CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

Fulton County Arts & Culture Honors the Legacy of Southwest Arts Center



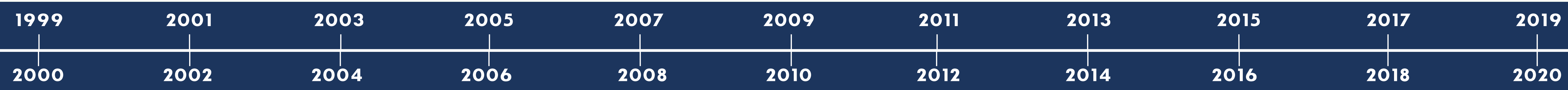
2001 Ribbon Cutting



2001 - PRESENT
Summer Youth Arts
Camp
Teen Artists Academy



1999
Construction for the Southwest Arts Center was approved by the Board of Commissioners located on a 27-acre site near Cascade and New Hope Roads



2001
Fulton County Board of Commissioners commits \$460,000 to begin the design phase of Southwest Arts Center Phase II.

FACILITY PUBLIC ART:
New Sun Rising, 2001 by Donna Pickens Glazed ceramic tiles and glass tesserae
The Greeters, 2001 by Marianne Weinberg-Benson Carved brick, 10 feet high each.

2009
Southwest Arts Center Performance Theater opens its inaugural season with Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company historic production of Miss Ever's Boys, starring Jasmine Guy; Opening season concerts include: Russell Gunn, Pa'lo Monte', Ken Ford & Pieces of A Dream, Kathleen Bertrand and Dionne Farris.

2009
The Southwest Arts Center Performance Theater and Gallery, named "Best Theatrical Venue 2009" by Creative Loafing.



2007
Southwest Arts Center creates and presents the first Teen Artists Academy, an intensive arts program for serious students ages 13 to 18 in visual arts, music (instrumental and voice), dance, and theatre, featuring an original culminating production.



2011
Presents legendary poet Sonja Sanchez.
Hosts Avery Sunshine in concert.

2015
Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre Company in partnership with Southwest Arts Center presents Rain Pryor

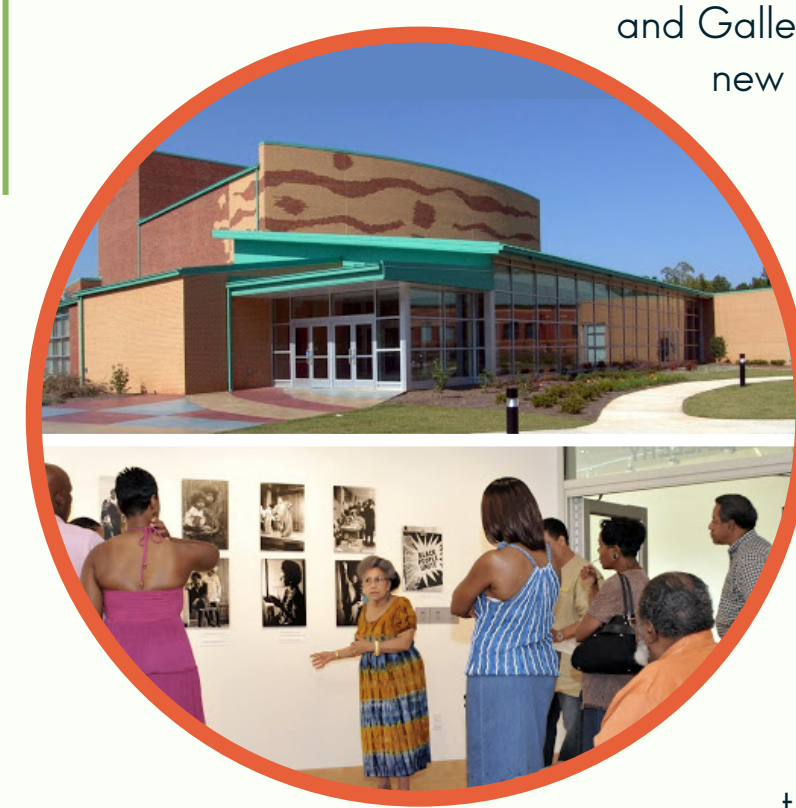


2013
India Arie Unplugged in concert.

2019
The Kings Exhibition featuring Basquiat serigraphs from the collection of Dr. Glenn Toby.

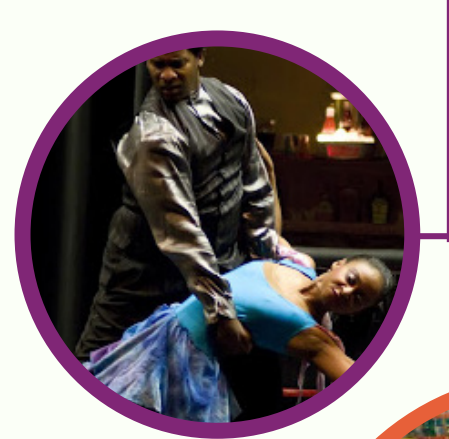


2002
Fulton County Board of Commissioners approves \$2.6 million to begin construction on Southwest Arts Center Phase II. Requests for Proposals (RFP) are issued for project designers.



Fulton County officials host a grand opening celebration for the new Southwest Arts Center Performing Arts Center and Gallery on Friday, November 7, 2008. The new facility transforms the current 14,000 square-foot Studio, into a 37,500 square-foot vibrant cultural campus nestled in Southwest Fulton County.

2008 FACILITY PUBLIC ART:
New Hope Visions, 2008 by Louis Delsarte mixed media and acrylic on panel. In addition to this painting, Delsarte was invited to participate in the buildings design phase. He added enhancements to the architecture on the exterior of the building including the patterns on the brick façade and the inclusion and layout of the colored concrete walkway.



2008 ONYXCON;
the largest convention in the Southeast celebrating the impact, contributions, and presence of the African Diaspora in the popular arts, is established at Southwest Arts Center.



2010
Begins partnerships with National Black Arts Festival and Ballethnic Dance Company



2014
Romare Bearden exhibition
Hosted Bronze Lens Film Festival



2016
Kenny Leon's True Colors Theatre becomes the official resident theatre company

The Teen Artists Academy receives the NACo Award for Community Arts Programming



2018
Alliance Theatre presents part of its 2017/2018 in the performance theater.
Living Out Loud free arts programming for Fulton County Seniors is launched.

Performance Theater becomes premier venue for LGBTQ Pageant circuit.



Arts Centers transferred to the City of South Fulton to support the City's innovative new arts and culture programming offering performances rarely seen in the southern crescent.

