

Dear Centrum Community,

In a complex and sometimes challenging world, safe and communal places like Centrum, where art and artists can flourish, are more important than ever. For fifty years, we've been singly focused on uniting artists and audiences through our unique brand of lifelong learning.

It is because of supporters like you that artists of all ages can continue to come together on our campus to teach, learn, and inspire one another. Thank you for shining your light on Centrum through your dedication to the life-affirming power of the arts.

You make Centrum more radiant than ever. This year saw record numbers of participants in workshops from Fiddle Tunes to Acoustic Blues, with more than 1,600 learners from ages 4 to 88 arriving to study with 200 renowned artist faculty. 10,000 people joined us for more than 50 events—from exhibitions to concerts to literary readings—where artists from our community and around the world shared their brilliance. 300 Washington students took part in our transformational week-long youth programs, and 118 residencies provided artists with precious time and space. **Our creative community brought its light from 41 states and 9 countries and returned home to shine the joy and learning of Centrum on their friends and neighbors.**

With the help of generous supporters, our 2024 benefit concert with generational talent (and Centrum faculty member) Rhiannon Giddens demonstrated the power of music to move and enlighten us. To cap off the season, in August we were featured on PBS NewsHour, giving audiences around the country a chance to see how Centrum changes lives through creative arts education.

We are proud that Centrum's programs mean so much to so many. Our path forward is illuminated by the vision of *a future where anyone from anywhere can nurture their creativity in an environment that is supportive, challenging and uplifting—building a world of greater connection and inclusion through the arts*. To bring this goal to life, we serve more and more aspiring artists with financial need. Your support helps light their way by providing a life-changing experience that would otherwise be out of reach.

As we come to the end of our 50th anniversary year, we are carefully planning Centrum's next chapter with major investments in our campus, people, and programs so that we can meet the needs of our participants and community for another 50 years to come. We thank you for being a part of Centrum's legacy and invite you to be a part of the bright future yet to come by making a gift of support today.

With esteem and gratitude,



Robert A. Birman
Executive Director



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Board President