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ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY WELCOMES
DANIEL BOWEN AS ROBINSON FELLOW FOR 2025

OCEAN CITY, MD — *July 12, 2025* – The Art League of Ocean City announces Daniel Bowen of Salisbury, Md. will serve as the 2025 Orem and Harriet Robinson Fellow for Contemporary Art and Community Engagement. The purpose of the fellowship is to provide opportunities for artistic growth to the artist and offer cultural enrichment to the community.

“We are excited to continue this fellowship for a 7th year, thanks to Laura Jenkins, who endowed this position in memory of her parents, Orem and Harriet Robinson,” Rina Thaler, executive director of the Art League, said.

“Daniel is an incredibly gifted musician,” Jenkins said. “His ability to connect his gift with others with energy, empathy and passion is truly remarkable and so needed in today’s chaotic times. We are honored to have him represent the Art League and the Robinson Fellowship.”

Bowen is a pianist, arranger, composer for film and television, and activist for the arts. He has composed orchestral arrangements for Grammy and Emmy winning producers, including projects for the NBA, NHL, TNT, ESPN, and Bravo. His recent score for the feature documentary film, *Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space*, is currently streaming on PBS.

A lover of orchestral music, in 2017 Bowen launched *Symphony 21*, a non-profit organization based on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, dedicated to inspiring youth and uniting rural and underserved communities through the transformative power of music. “As the name suggest, we are committed to propelling traditional art forms into the 21st century by exposing youth to modern approaches to music, technology, and visual arts,” Bowen’s website states.

Within two years, *Symphony 21*’s initiatives reached and inspired more than 5,000 students, providing arts programming for schools, and free multi-media concerts, exposing youth to modern approaches to music, technology and visual arts. His success gained the attention of The Kennedy Center, where he performed and give a lecture on the “Power of Music” during the REACH Opening Festival, presented by the National Symphony Orchestra. In 2019, the NAACP awarded Bowen their Community Service Award for *Symphony 21*’s impact on youth in the region.

Bowen’s goal is to bring many interactive opportunities to the Art League community and beyond.

“I believe my continued commitment to enriching the lives of young people and the local community through my nonprofit’s outreach initiatives, concerts, school tours, and my vast experience in the arts and entertainment industry makes me a great fit for this position, and an asset to the arts community,” Bowen said. “I believe this fellowship can create more awareness of my work and *Symphony 21* in the Ocean City region.”

As part of his fellowship, Bowen plans to give lectures on transforming communities through the power of music with solo performances, workshops on how the arts can help with mental health and well-being, and interactive workshops specific for young audiences. Also planned are performances at the Ocean City Performing Arts Center, tentatively scheduled for the public on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025, and a school performance for Worcester County students on Monday, Nov. 3, 2025.

More information about the Art League and Bowen's fellowship is available at OCart.org.

The Art League of Ocean City is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the visual arts to the community through education, exhibits, scholarship, programs and community art projects. Funding for this event is in part provided by the Worcester County Arts Council, Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts, organizations dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive.

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