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Gov. Martin O'Malley declares Sept. 21 "Arts on the Block Day"

The proclamation honors the arts organization's contributions to youth and community.

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Gov. Martin O'Malley has proclaimed Sept. 21, 2013 "Arts on the Block Day" in honor of the nonprofit organization's 10th anniversary.

"Arts on the Block encourages creativity and collaboration, develops workplace skills, and brings an entrepreneurial spirit and a new business perspective to the world of art," the proclamation states.

Arts on the Block (AOB) is a non-profit located in Wheaton, Md. that fuses job skills with arts education for Montgomery County youth. Sept. 21 marks one decade that AOB has offered programs producing public art, private commissions and arts education. AOB students learn the entrepreneurship, professionalism and work ethic necessary to succeed.

The proclamation will be presented to AOB Founding Executive Director, Jan Goldstein, at a Wine Tasting celebration in honor of the occasion.

"Arts on the Block thanks the Governor for issuing the proclamation in recognition of the dedication of our talented young artists in contributing to the quality of life of their community," Goldstein said.

The Wine Tasting will take place at Garrett Park Town Hall, 10814 Kenilworth Ave., Garrett Park, Md. from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with the proclamation presentation by Theresa Testoni, Commissioner, Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, at 7 p.m. Delegate Sheila Hixson and Sen. Jamie Raskin (District 20) will also be honored for their efforts on behalf of Arts on the Block's Carroll Avenue Quebec Terrace project. Tickets are still available at www.artsontheblock.com.

About Arts on the Block:

Since its founding in 2003, Arts on the Block's mission has been to empower creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures and contribute to the quality of life in their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts, educational guidance and entrepreneurial training geared to their unique capabilities. www.artsontheblock.com

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