

## City of Alexandria, Virginia

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 3, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF THE ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT

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**ISSUE:** Receipt of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts (ACA) Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Annual Report (Attachment).

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council receive the Annual Report from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and thank the Commission for its efforts on behalf of the City.

**DISCUSSION:** The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is a fifteen-member advisory board created by City Council in 1984 to lead and advocate for cultural development within the City and surrounding region. The ACA fulfills this mission in several ways: redistributes a substantial portion of its annual appropriation from the City Council and funds from the Virginia Commission for the Arts to Alexandria-based arts organizations through a grant program; facilitates communications between arts organizations and the public; and provides networking opportunities for ACA Commissioners and Alexandria arts groups.

Through the ACA programs and services, the arts are made accessible for both residents and tourists to enjoy. The City of Alexandria is home to more than 100 commercial and/or nonprofit arts organizations who offer a variety of arts activities. These activities contribute greatly to the quality of life in the community. The ACA's 2003-2004 Annual Report illustrates the ACA's Committee activities and lists its accomplishments. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is proud of its work during Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

**ATTACHMENT:** Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Annual Report for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts

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