

# ROB LEVIT

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## SUMMARY

Professional Manager and Educator with expertise in development, strategic planning, community outreach and program design and implementation. Recognized for innovative education and arts programs in the greater Baltimore/Annapolis area. Creative, enthusiastic with strong organizational, problem solving, communication and relationship management skills.

## EDUCATION

Executive Leadership Certificate, Cornell University, 2013  
MA, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, MA Jazz Studies, 1992  
BA, Music and International Relations, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 1988

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CREATING COMMUNITIES**, Annapolis, MD 2007 - Present

### Founding Director

Founded and manage a 501(c) (3) organization to promote community arts.

- Create budgets, coordinate board relations and meetings, manage fundraising and write successful grants.
- Design and implement collaborative projects using creativity and the arts for partnering non-profits who serve at-risk youth, the mentally-ill, adults in addiction recovery and the homeless.
- Create major arts outreach programs to include:
  - Light House, Sarah's House and Hope House Life Skill Through The Arts Program for homeless adults and adults in addiction recovery
  - Arts outreach to Anne Arundel County YWCA Mentorship Program for youth with a mental-health diagnosis and women/children in domestic violence recovery
  - Arts outreach and life-skills seminar for Department of Social Service teenagers transitioning out of foster care
  - Bates Middle School After-school arts program, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts
  - Arts Mentorship Academy for underserved youth, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (Innovative Mentoring Program of the Year)
  - Art Cart, red wagons with arts supplies and music, Anne Arundel Medical Center Arts Career Day and Tour, students from Harbour School (special needs), Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts

**PUBLIC SPEAKER AND EDUCATOR** 2002 – Present

- Give talks and presentations on leadership, strategy creativity, music, and the arts to schools, businesses, groups, and conferences, including the Hospice of the Chesapeake, New Jersey Hospital Association, Maryland Fund for Excellence, Moss Foundation for Children's Education, Daimler-Chrysler, Northwestern Mutual, Leadership Anne Arundel, Maryland Writer's Association, and AACPS Title I Conference and many more.

## **MARYLAND ARTIST TEACHER INSTITUTE**

### Educator

Summer 2007, Summer 2008

- Collaborated with and educated public school teachers from Maryland on innovative techniques for applying creativity and arts in the classroom
- Performing artist and Presenter, Artist Teacher International Institute, AEMS

## **ARTS INTEGRATION / TITLE I / SPECIAL NEEDS**

2007 – Present

### Artist-In-Residence

- Children's Guild: Designed and implemented multi-sensory, arts-integrated lessons for children with emotional and behavioral differences.
- Arundel Lodge: Designed and implemented art, music, and creativity program for adults with mental illness.
- Severn School: Multi-disciplinary residency – literature, French, creative writing, principles of design, exploring learning differences and filmmaking.
- Tyler Heights Elementary School: Arts program in Title I school using Open Court curriculum.
- Eastport Elementary School: Arts program in Title I school using Open Court curriculum.
- Chesapeake Academy: Mini-residency working with 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Selected to be on roster of Maryland State Arts Council, Arts Council of Anne Arundel County and Montgomery County Arts Council.

## **UCLA CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL PERFORMANCE, APPEX PROGRAM,**

### Fellow

Summer 2006

- Selected to live, collaborate, and perform with nine artists from India, Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia.
- Featured performer, World Festival of Sacred Music, Los Angeles, Sep 2008.

## **MARYLAND HALL FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS, Annapolis, MD**

2002 - 2008

### Artist-In-Residence

- Founded and implemented two after-school arts programs for Bates Middle School
- Collaborated with Ballet Theater of Maryland – music from album Touch The Spirit choreographed
- Founded The Lew Cronin Memorial Concert Series and Emerging Artist Concert Series featuring collaborations with jazz, world, bluegrass, and folk musicians.
- Raised \$5,000 to fund concert series, Emerging Artist Series accounts 11% MD Hall ticket sales (as noted in annual report)
- Offered free lectures / performances to the community on creativity and improvisation.
- Kept open studio for interaction with the community.
- *Creativity Specialist*, Maryland Summer Center for talented and gifted youth, Summer 2003.

## **THE SUMMIT SCHOOL, Edgewater, MD**

2002 – 2003

### Artist-in Residence and Music Instructor

Design and created arts and music activities for students with dyslexia and learning differences.

## HONORS AND COMMUNITY ACTION

- 2013 Innovator of the Year, The Maryland Daily Record
- Cover, Annapolis Magazine, "Incredible Philanthropists Who Make A Difference," May 2013
- Mentor of the Year, Volunteer Center of Anne Arundel County 2012
- Martin Luther King Peacemaker Award, Anne Arundel County 2011
- Top Five National Finalist, Energizer Keep Going Hall of Fame 2011
- Service Above Self Award, Parole Rotary of Annapolis 2010
- Community Leadership Award, Leadership Anne Arundel 2009
- Baker Artist Award, The Baker Foundation, Baltimore, MD 2009
- Capital-Gazette Community Trustee Award, Leadership Anne Arundel, "*Community Trusteeship* is acting for the benefit of the entire community without regard or benefit for oneself." 2007
- Annie Award for the Performing Arts, Anne Arundel County Maryland, "The Annie Awards recognize individuals who have made a lasting, significant and inspiring contribution to an art form, an arts organization, and to the wider community of Anne Arundel County." 2006
- Mayor's Award, City of Annapolis, MD, "for citizens who have demonstrated significant contributions to the spirit of community civility." 2006
- Multiple recipient of the Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award, Composition and Instrumental Performance. 1997 – 2008

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Lifetime Member, Leadership Anne Arundel  
Member, Arts and Entertainment District Committee  
International Baccalaureate Committee, Anne Arundel County Public Schools  
Board of Directors (former), First Night Annapolis