



The American Composers Forum, DC Chapter (ACF-DC) acts as a catalyst for new music in the region: providing professional development services for artists, as well as presenting public events. As a presenter, we empower artists to produce public performances, provide marketing assistance, and work to connect artists with audiences (and vice-versa). Additionally, by providing direct financial support for community-based composer residencies, ACF-DC fosters a demand for new music, enriches communities, and helps develop the next generation of composers, musicians, and music patrons.

We accomplish our goals by implementing programs and services with two primary aims:

1. Providing professional development services for artists.
2. Strengthening local infrastructure for the creation and performance of new music.

Our current range of programs and services includes:

- Our *Community Partners* program for composer residency projects: Using an artist-driven model, ACF-DC allows composers to design projects that fit their strengths and artistic vision, while providing valuable arts participation opportunities for community groups throughout the region.
- Our *New Music Salon* series creates a space for composers, performers, and audiences to meet, share new work, and build connections. Composers have opportunities to self-produce performances of their work, as well as develop relationships with local performers. We present between six and eight concerts annually as part of this series.
- Our *Sonic Circuits* festival of electronic music provides excellent visibility for the local electronic music scene, which is flourishing. Local artists gain important experience by curating and producing the festival, as well as increased visibility by performing alongside guest artists from around the world. We have produced the festival annually since 2001.
- We have initiated the formation of a local *New Music Consortium* that is bringing together presenters, ensembles, service organizations, funders, and media to work together to strengthen the infrastructure for new music in our region. The consortium will facilitate communication among participating organizations, and increase efficiency through collaboration.