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## **Georgia's Landmark Arts and Mental Health Resolution Celebrated at State Capitol Press Conference**

**Bipartisan House Resolution 1007, the first state legislative measure in the U.S. to formally recognize the arts as a mental health resource, marks a historic milestone for Georgia.**

ATLANTA — Performance Hypothesis will host a press conference on March 12, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. on the South Steps of the Georgia State Capitol to celebrate the approval of House Resolution 1007 (HR 1007), making Georgia the first state in the nation to formally recognize the arts as a resource for mental health treatment.

The event will bring together legislators, healthcare advocates, artists and community leaders to mark this historic milestone.

### **About the Resolution**

HR 1007, filed by six bipartisan Georgia House Representatives and developed in collaboration with Performance Hypothesis and a consortium of partners across arts, healthcare and public health, aims to normalize the arts as a critical mental health resource, raise awareness among healthcare providers, and direct future funding toward arts-based mental health programs statewide.

With 33.9% of Georgians experiencing symptoms of anxiety and depression, outpacing the national rate of 32.3%, HR 1007 represents an innovative, evidence-based approach to addressing the state's mental health crisis.

### **Confirmed Speakers**

The press conference will feature remarks from:

- **Doug Shipman**, President & Chief Executive Officer, South Arts
- **Dyllón Burnside**, Emmy-Award winning actor and arts advocate
- **Khadijah Ameen**, BLKHLTH
- **Sarah Phillips**, The Carter Center
- **Marcel Foster**, Chief Executive Officer, Performance Hypothesis
- **Christopher Moses**, Jennings Hertz Artistic Director, Alliance Theatre
- **Representative Todd Jones**, District 25, GA House Assembly
- **Representative Kim Schofield**, District 63, GA House Assembly
- **Representative Mary Margaret Oliver**, District 84, GA House Assembly



## Event Details

- **Date:** March 12, 2026
- **Time:** 12:30 p.m.
- **Location:** South Steps, Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia
- **RSVP:** [Eventbrite Link](#)

Media representatives are encouraged to arrive early. The event is free and open to the public.

## About Performance Hypothesis

Performance Hypothesis is an Atlanta-based arts and health agency. Since 2021, Performance Hypothesis has championed arts and health policy efforts and activated community events, forming partnerships with community organizations, universities and global arts health organizations across the state. Performance Hypothesis led the collaborative development of HR 1007 along with a cadre of dedicated community partners: BLKHLTH, Woodruff Arts Center, The Carter Center, Emory University, Morehouse School of Medicine, International Arts + Mind Lab at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, the NeuroArts BluePrint Initiative, the Jameel Arts & Health Lab, and University of Florida Center for Arts in Medicine.

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