



Vermont
College of
Fine Arts

Artists Development Fund

Art is imperative. It must grow, adapt, and remain vital in a constantly changing world. Without art, society stagnates, turns less reflective, more monotone, and less joyful. That's why we must find ways to perpetually support artists.

Fostering the excellence of emerging and established artists and advancing the arts to create a more humane world is more important than ever.





To ensure artists have the means to follow their muse and develop their passion, Vermont College of Fine Arts has created the Artists Development Fund.

This Fund will help financially support artists from diverse backgrounds by providing them access to the highest level of graduate arts education to further their creativity. Artists can only continue to work and thrive if we continue providing them with opportunities to expand their practice, broaden their experience, and strengthen their support network.



The Artists Development Fund will prove our commitment to embracing emerging artists and inspiring them to transform their work and their career.

The Fund can help a Native American sculptor in New Mexico become the next important face in Western American art; an African-American writer from the Midwest could elevate their young adult book manuscript about growing up in urban Chicago; an Irish-American musician living in New York might reimagine an earlier traditional composition into a modern Gaelic masterpiece.

Artists of all backgrounds can find their true path through VCFA and we see the Artists Development Fund as a gateway. VCFA's alumni and current student body are a significant part of why recognition of the College continues to grow locally and nationally.

The arts community at Vermont College of Fine Arts is a special place and we believe our network of artists, writers, designers, musicians, teachers, and filmmakers to be an energetic and burgeoning force in the global art world.

By giving to the Artists Development Fund, donors will help grow our arts community and continue making art a valuable and important part of our society. In many ways, the Fund will be the most important instrument in growing the College and our students, as it will provide support for any and all students who attend VCFA through five different outlets.

5 Segments of the Artists Development Fund



Glover Fund for Writers, Authors, & Publishers

This award is specifically for writers passionate enough to turn their career into the writing life, whether their focus is on fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, young adult stories, or children's writing.



Diversity & Inclusion

As part of VCFA's mission, we nurture the artistic, intellectual, individual, and social development of all members of our community and we welcome all who value diversity and inclusion in teaching and learning. This award will be given to students of ethnic diversity who will become the next multicultural voice in their field.



Art & Design

This award will help Visual Art and Graphic Design students begin their art and design careers with VCFA, as well as help prepare their thesis exhibitions.



Emerging Filmmakers & New Composers

Our student filmmakers look to revolutionize the experience and creation of today's films, and our composers examine ways to advance their music while learning from the best in the industry. Completing a filmmaking thesis and a music composition thesis represents a significant financial undertaking. This award will help alleviate some of that expense.



Contemporary Educators

Many of our students attend VCFA to become educators in their chosen fields. This award will allow our current and prospective students to become the next generation of teachers in art, design, writing, and more.



The Artists Development Fund will not only serve VCFA students, but also the broader locations in which they live and work.

The Fund will become the primary source of scholarship funding for our students and a significant addition to the College's financial landscape.

Donors who give to this Fund will contribute to the long-term sustainability of VCFA as a critical gateway to those looking to help shape our culture through the arts.

Put simply, the Artists Development Fund and the patrons that donate are investing in VCFA's students, the College's growing potential, and the future of arts throughout the world.



Creating the Artists Development Fund is an important and necessary next step in building a successful and sustainable arts college and alumni community. The Fund will help bolster the VCFA artist community, which stretches far beyond Vermont's borders. When donors give to this new Fund, they will help empower students from across all programs to rethink their world, connect their art to a national and international community, and achieve their dreams, developing toward a lifelong career.

With the Artists Development Fund, VCFA will continue its work of supporting all artists and reaffirm its mission and belief that art matters, that it is essential, and that it makes the world more humane.



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