

Yaddo

Annual Report 2019





MISSION STATEMENT

Yaddo's mission is to further the creative process by providing an opportunity for artists to work without interruption in a supportive environment. Chosen on a competitive basis by panels of widely recognized artists, guests work in both traditional and nontraditional media. They include emerging and established artists, reflecting a broad range of contemporary styles and creative perspectives. They are welcomed to Yaddo without regard for their financial circumstances.

COVER: Mansion exterior photography by Elizabeth Haynes

THIS PAGE: Lourdes Bernard, *Forest*, 2019 (painted at Yaddo)

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REPORT FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

WE WRITE TO YOU TODAY at a time when Covid-19 is upending the world. It is hard to tell what new realities we will have to adjust to, but in times of great change and upheaval, it is essential to come back to the basics. And what we know is this, art matters. Our mission is, and always has been, to support artists. We will continue to do this, as we have for a hundred years, in the face of daunting challenges backed by the strength of our community.

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Janice Y.K. Lee



Peter Kayafas

While Yaddo, like all other cultural institutions, will face unknowable obstacles in the coming year, we feel it's important to note the progress we made in 2019. This is thanks in large part to our steadfast, generous supporters, our extraordinary board, and the continued inspired leadership of our President, Elaina Richardson.

In 2019, thanks to the good work of Patricia Towers and James Siena (our Membership and Nominations Committee co-chairs), we continued to build our Board in much-needed ways. We welcomed Lisa Warren in May, Victor LaValle in September and

Rufus Collins, Amitava Kumar, and Bing Wright in December. We had the highest board and members' participation rate in our annual fundraising appeal and we also exceeded

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our goals for the spring Yaddo Variations, our Summer Benefit in Saratoga, and our unprecedentedly successful October Gala. We spread the word about the importance of Yaddo and its mission to an increasingly broad constituency of supporters and future artists in residence. Our capacity is significantly increased as a result of the incredible work done in restoring and reopening the Yaddo Mansion last spring, and artists are responding as our applicant pool continues to expand. We are fulfilling our mission and Yaddo's artists continue to enrich our society. In short, 2019 was a good year for Yaddo.

And so, we go forth, with some trepidation for these unprecedented circumstances, but knowing we will be sustained and strengthened by our community and our artists, able to overcome trying times and emerge stronger from them than we could have expected. We certainly hope that is the case for 2020, and we commit to our roles in support of our board, staff, and artists. We hope that you will join us in our journey forward.

Peter Kayafas and Janice Y K Lee
Co-Chairs



Teach us to care and not to care Teach us to sit still

—T.S. Eliot, “Ash Wednesday”

Snippets of poetry from times of global crisis have been popping into my head these past months: The Covid-19 pandemic, and the grief and isolation it has caused, make thoughts of war, economic chaos, blights, inevitable. And yet, to be human is to absorb dissonance and somehow try to find “normal” in fragments of time. Artists have much to teach us about this. How to collapse into imaginative work with an urgency fueled by deprivation, say. Or how to conjure entire worlds from your armchair, future societies parsed on a walk, the hard “now” contextualized at a small desk. As Yaddo author Olivia Laing argues, elegantly and persuasively, in her new book *Funny Weather*, “Emergencies require art.” And so, even as heart-tearing decisions have had to be made at Yaddo, closing the program for only the second time ever—the first was during WWII when food shortages led Elizabeth Ames to briefly shut the doors—my awareness that Yaddo is more than a place, it is a community and a strong one, has been affirmed time and again.

Part of the dissonance of this moment is the contrast with the moment right before: 2019, when we found ourselves in a state of heady anticipation—unwrapping the mansion from under the carapace

of scaffolding that had enveloped it for almost 18 months and swinging back into full operation, welcoming more guest artists than we had ever before been able to do. Yaddo revitalized was reason for great optimism. A flicker of that optimism still glows, as does the knowledge that Yaddo has seen more than its share of hard times, and has always come through with a renewed dedication to writers and artists and the value of the work they do.

As our stellar Board co-chairs, Janice Lee and Peter Kayafas, note in their Report, 2019 was filled with highlights that deserve to be enjoyed and revisited. We served 259 artists from 30 countries, filling the Mansion with the lively conversations, long dinners and parties it was meant for. We opened our doors to our supporters, to share the work that had been completed through their generosity, celebrating the restoration at our most successful Summer Benefit ever.

And we toasted all of you who helped make the Campaign possible at a Gala in NYC that raised over \$800,000. We were lively and stronger than ever, thanks it should also be said, to our endowment which saw healthy growth even with the need to cover some of the costs of all we were doing.

As we took on this larger role in the lives of artists from around the world and of the cultural scene we help to create, I was buoyed time and again by the remarkable continuum of community that is its spine: From the artists in residence to my hard-working and incredible colleagues, to our donors, strategists and allies of many kinds. Together, we have achieved something remarkable—we have guaranteed the long-term viability of a national treasure even in turbulent times, and we have held true to the belief that art matters, and that individual artists are the torch bearers of a future worth having.

I thank all of you wholeheartedly for your energy and support for what Yaddo does. And nothing will please me more than to raise a celebratory glass as we leave these trying days behind, remembering what we learned and gained from sitting still, and what joy is to be had in coming back together.

Elaina Richardson,
President

YADDO GUESTS

2019 was a record year for Yaddo as we welcomed 259 artist guests through our doors, representing an 18% increase from the year before. The reopening of the Mansion after crucial preservation and stabilization work meant Yaddo was able to increase yearly capacity both in terms of total numbers of artists hosted and also guest days: In 2019, the number of guest days on which artists were provided uninterrupted time and space to work totaled 7,266. These 259 guests were chosen by our admissions committees from almost 1,600 applications from all over the United States and 29 foreign nations. This diverse group included 4 collaborative artists working across disciplines, 25 composers, 29 film and video artists, 18 performance artists, 65 visual artists, and 118 writers.



Yaddo artists, from left: Writer Winsome Pinnock, film and video artists Alisa Yang and Sam Feder. Photographs by Elizabeth Haynes

Yelena Akhtiorskaya, a writer from New York, NY
Rosa Alcalá, a writer from El Paso, TX
Fannie Allie, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Joy Baglio, a writer from Florence, MA
Cris Beam, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Kim Beck, a visual artist from Pittsburgh, PA
Tom Beller, a writer from New Orleans, LA
Dan Bellm, a writer from Berkeley, CA
Helen Benedict, a writer from New York, NY
Lourdes Bernard, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Eugene Birman, a composer from Oakland, CA
Stephanie Bishop, a writer from Springwood, Australia
Vivian Bittencourt, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Ryan Bloom, a writer from Washington, DC
William Boast, a writer from Chicago, IL
Philip Boehm, a writer from St. Louis, MO
Marianne Boruch, a writer from West Lafayette, IN
Rhina Brandt, a writer from Houston, TX
Anna Brenner, a writer from New York, NY

Sarah Browning, a writer from Washington, DC
Antonius Bui, a visual artist from Sugar Land, TX
Steven Burke, a composer from New York, NY
Tom Burkhardt, a visual artist from New York, NY
Miguel Calderon, a visual artist from Mexico City, Mexico
Joseph Caldwell, a writer from New York, NY
Sophie Cash, a composer from Morgantown, WV
Paul Castles, a collaborative artist from Brooklyn, NY
Christopher Cerrone, a composer from Brooklyn, NY
Lan Samantha Chang, a writer from Iowa City, IA
Marilyn Chin, a writer from La Mesa, CA
Brian Christian, a writer from San Francisco, CA
Allana Clarke, a performance artist from El Paso, TX
Aaron Cobbett, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Jennifer Paige Cohen, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Murat Colak, a composer from Allston, MA

Melody Cooper, a film and video artist from Hastings on Hudson, NY
Leela Corman, a writer from Gainesville, FL
Jorge Ignacio Cortiñas, a writer from New York, NY
Leslie Cuyjet, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Michael Daisey, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Richard Danielpour, a composer from Los Angeles, CA
T.J. Dedeaux-Norris, a visual artist from Cedar Rapids, IA
Mairead Delaney, a performance artist from Hinesburg, VT
Sarah DeLappe, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Abigail DelBianco, a writer from Newtown, PA
Amanda DeMarco, a writer from Berlin, Germany
Jeremy Dennis, a photographer from Southampton, NY
Allan DeSouza, a visual artist from Alameda, CA
Dan Devening, a visual artist from Chicago, IL
Elisa Diaz Castelo, a writer from Mexico City, Mexico
Christopher Dickens, a writer from Nashville, TN

David Dominique, a composer from Richmond, VA
Natalie Draper, a composer from Syracuse, NY
Richard Dubugnon, a composer from Paris, France
Ben Durham, a visual artist from Richmond, VA
Jay Eddy, a composer from New Haven, CT
Andrea Elliott, a writer from New York, NY
Maya Erdelyi, a film and video artist from Boston, MA
Charles Fairbanks, a film and video artist from Yellow Springs, OH
Laurel Farrin, a visual artist from Iowa City, IA
John Fedchock, a composer from Astoria, NY
Sam Feder, a film and video artist from Los Angeles, CA
William Feeney, a visual artist from Encinitas, CA
Carolyn Ferrell, a writer from Yonkers, NY
Madeline ffitich, a writer from Millfield, OH
Charles Finch, a writer from Chicago, IL
Daniel Fishback, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Charles Fort, a writer from Wilmington, SC

Steven A. Friedman, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Elizabeth Gaffney, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Tyron Geter, a visual artist from Elgin, SC
Laura Gibson, a composer from Portland, OR
David Gilbert, a visual artist from Los Angeles, CA
Justin Go, a writer from Joshua Tree, CA
Baris Gokturk, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Glenn Goldberg, a visual artist from New York, NY
Eli Golblatt, a visual artist from Philadelphia, PA
Rory Golden, a visual artist from New York, NY
Guido Golüke, a writer from Amsterdam, Netherlands
Tracey Goodman, a visual artist from New York, NY
Morgan Gould, a performance artist from New York, NY
Gail Gregg, a visual artist from New York, NY
Iva Gueorguieva, a visual artist from Los Angeles, CA
Noa Gusakov, film and video artist from Tel Aviv, Israel
Daron Hagen, a composer from Rhinebeck, NY

Alex Halberstadt, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
J.C. Hallman, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Robin Hamilton, a film and video artist from Capital Heights, MD
Alexander Hanson, a visual artist from Fayetteville, AR
Trish Haretiaux, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Daesha Harris, a visual artist from Saratoga Springs, NY
Dean Haspiel, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Clarity Haynes, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Julie Hensley, a writer from Richmond, KY
Lily Herman, a writer from Halethorpe, MD
Will Hermes, a writer from New Paltz, NY
Jonathan Herrera, a visual artist from Minneapolis, MN
Elana Herzog, a visual artist from New York, NY
Huck Hodge, a composer from Seattle, WA
Flournoy Holland, a writer from Heath, MA
Hong Hong, a visual artist from Potsdam, NY
Tristan Hughes, a writer from Llangoed, United Kingdom

Swan Huntley, a writer from Kailua Kona, HI
Adam Hurwitz, a visual artist from New York, NY
Seishi Irimijiri, a film and video artist from Kochi, Japan
Shaun Irons, a collaborative artist from Brooklyn, NY
Luke Jaeger, a film and video artist from Northampton, MA
John Jasperse, a performance artist from New York, NY
Jilaine Jones, a visual artist from New Haven, CT
Kima Jones, a writer from Los Angeles, CA
Shaun Kadlec, a film and video artist from Los Angeles, CA
Sauleha Kamal, a writer from Islamabad, Pakistan
Vincent Katz, a writer from New York, NY
Laura Kaye, a writer from Oxon, Great Britain
Madhu Kaza, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Dara Kell, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY
John Kelly, a performance artist from New York, NY
Sybil Kempson, a collaborative artist from Newburgh, NY
Shon Kim, a film and video artist from Seoul, South Korea

Dave King, a writer from Philmont, NY
Mark King, a visual artist from Bronx, NY
Jerome Kitzke, a composer from New York, NY
Kate Klingbeil, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
EIad Kopler, a visual artist from Bat Yam, Israel
Michael Sam Korie, a composer from New York, NY
Anne Korkeakivi, a writer from Geneva, Switzerland
Matthew Kramer, a writer from Providence, RI
Amitava Kumar, a writer from Poughkeepsie, NY
Akil Kumarasamy, a writer from Edison, NJ
Salomé Lamas, a film and video artist from Lisbon, Portugal
Natalie Lanese, a visual artist from Toledo, OH
Matthew Lansburgh, a writer from New York, NY
James Lapine, a composer from New York, NY
Christine Lavin, a performance artist from New York, NY
Janice Y.K. Lee, a writer from New York, NY
Phoebe Legere, a performance artist from New York, NY

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Artists-in-residence gather in the Great Hall, May 2019. First row, from left: Alisa Sikelianos-Carter, Justin Go, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, Peter Trachtenberg, Sophie Cash. Second row: Leslie Roberts, Alex Szerlip, Shay Youngblood, Alvaro Sarmiento, Ucheoma Onwutuebe, Manuel Sosa, Ricardo Nuila, Lourdes Bernard, Edgar Oliver, James Lapine. Third row: Patrick Palermo, Jayne Anne Phillips, Eugene Birman, M. G. Lord, Noa Gusakov, Ani Simon-Kennedy, Madeline ffitich, Iva Gueorguieva, Charles Fort, Maya Erdelyi. Photograph by Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe

Carol Lipnik, a performance artist from New York, NY

M.G. Lord, a writer from Los Angeles, CA

Maxim Loshkutoff, a writer from Missoula, MT

Kelly Luce, a writer from Knoxville, TN

Natasha Maidoff, a film and video artist from Athens, OH

Caitlin Maling, a writer from Perth, Australia

Meredith Maran, a writer from Los Angeles, CA

Dona Ann McAdams, a visual artist from Sandgate, VT

Richard McCann, a writer from Washington, DC

Meryl Meisler, a visual artist from New York, NY

Harold Meltzer, a composer from New York, NY

Julie Metz, a writer from Hudson, NY

Melissa Meyer, a visual artist from New York, NY

Liz Moore, a writer from Philadelphia, PA

Azita Moradkhani, a visual artist from Roslindale, MA

Elizabeth Mosier, a writer from St. Davids, PA

Sahra Motalebi, a performance artist from Arkville, NY

Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, a visual artist from South Kent, CT

Nicholas Muellner, a visual artist from Spencer, NY

Peter Murkatt, a writer from Southfield, MA

Hilary Nelson, a visual artist from Iowa City, IA

Richard Nelson, a composer from Brunswick, ME

Ailis Ni Riain, a composer from Lancashire, Great Britain

Delany Nolan, a writer from Etterbeek, Belgium

Ricardo Nuila, a writer from Houston, TX

Ivy Nyayieka, a writer from Nairobi, Kenya

Seung-Won Oh, a composer from Chicago, IL

Alexis Okeowo, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Edgar Oliver, a performance artist from New York, NY

Alex O'Neal, a visual artist from Cooperstown, NY

Ucheoma Chidinma Onwutuebe, a writer from Lagos, Nigeria

Ayse Gulsüm Özel, a film and video artist from Stuttgart, Germany

Ruth Padel, a writer from London, United Kingdom

Patrick Palermo, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Laura Parnes, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Lauren Petty, a collaborative artist from Brooklyn, NY

Ha Ninh Pham, a visual artist from New York, NY

Jayne Anne Phillips, a writer from Jamaica Plain, NY

Julia Phillips, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Alison Pick, a writer from Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Winsome Pinnock, a writer from London, United Kingdom

Julie Poole, a writer from Austin, TX

Sharon Premoli, a writer from East Dorset, VT

Katrina Prow, a writer from Long Beach, CA

Emily Raboteau, a writer from New York, NY

Kristen Radtke, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Sasha Rainbow, a film and video artist from London, United Kingdom

Kathryn Ramey, a film and video artist from Roslindale, MA

Pola Rapaport, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Eleanor Ray, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Boots Riley, a film and video artist from Oakland, CA

Amy Ritter, a visual artist from Philadelphia, PA

Leslie Roberts, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Jessica Rohrer, a visual artist from Bloomfield, NJ

Julien Roskam, a film and video artist from Baltimore, MD

Lynne Sachs, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Clarisse Beleja Saidi, a writer from Ann Arbor, MI

Jonathan Santlofer, a writer from New York, NY

Alvaro Sarmiento, a film and video artist from Lima, Peru

James Scott, a writer from Barrington, RI

Vijay R. Seshadri, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Masha Sha, a visual artist from Boulder, CO

Weichun Shao, a film and video artist from Los Angeles, CA

Dee Shapiro, a visual artist from Great Neck, NY

Fiona Shaw, a writer from Yorkshire, United Kingdom

J Faith Shearin, a writer from Amherst, MA

Omid Shekari, a visual artist from Amherst, MA

Keyi Sheng, a writer from Beijing, China

Normandy Sherwood, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY



CAROLYN ANDERSON

Film and video artist Kimi Takesue outside Alaide Foppa studio

James Shrosbree, a visual artist from Fairfield, IA

Alisa Sikelianos-Carter, a visual artist from Albany, NY

Taije Silverman, a writer from Philadelphia, PA

Ani Simon-Kennedy, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Margot Singer, a writer from Granville, OH

Louise Smith, a writer from Yellow Springs, OH

Michael Snediker, a writer from Houston, TX

Andrew Solomon, a writer from New York, NY

Manuel Sosa, a composer from Brooklyn, NY

Elizabeth Spackman, a writer from Naselle, WA

Diana Spechler, a writer from Dallas, TX

Eva Speer, a writer from New York, NY

Jason Spiegel-Grote, a writer from Los Angeles, CA

Alexander Stevens, a visual artist from Los Angeles, CA

Grey Stewart, a writer from Atlanta, GA

Barbara Alexandra Szerlip, a writer from San Francisco, CA

Kimi Takasue, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Ben Taylor, a writer from New York, NY

Fiona Templeton, a performance artist from New York, NY

Jacqueline Tileston, a visual artist from Philadelphia, PA

Taryn Tilton, a writer from Geneva, IL

Michael Torke, a composer from Las Vegas, NV

Peter Trachtenberg, a writer from Pittsburgh, PA

Ly Tran, a writer from Ridgewood, NY

Vu Tran, a writer from Chicago, IL

Guinevere Turner, a film and video artist from Los Angeles, CA

Nicholas Van Zanten, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Aynsley Vandenbrouke, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Laura Vandenburgh, a visual artist from Eugene, OR

Patricia Volk, a writer from New York, NY

Gustavo von Ha, a visual artist from São Paulo, Brazil

Nat Ward, a visual artist from Ridgewood, NY

Lacy Warner, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Jaimie Warren, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Dalit Warshaw, a composer from Forest Hills, NY

Matthew Weiner, a writer from Los Angeles, CA

Tim Weiner, a writer from New York, NY

Scott Wheeler, a composer from North Reading, MA

Quinton Anna Wikswa, a visual artist from Norfolk, VA

Craig Wilkins, a writer from Detroit, MI

Crystal Wilkinson, a writer from Lexington, KY

Christopher Williams, a performance artist from New York, NY

Daniele Wilmouth, a film and video artist from Chicago, IL

Josephine Wilson, a writer from Perth, Australia

Emily Witt, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Doug Wright, a writer from New York, NY

Snowden Wright, a writer from Atlanta, GA

Ashley Wurzbacher, a writer from Birmingham, AL

Sichong Xie, a visual artist from Los Angeles, CA

Alisa Yang, a film and video artist from Los Angeles, CA

Shay Youngblood, a writer from Washington, DC

Deborah Zlotzky, a visual artist from Delmar, NY

Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon, a composer from Rochester, NY

Joyce Zonana, writer from Brooklyn, NY

SPONSORED RESIDENCIES

Sponsored residencies support Yaddo's fundamental mission by underwriting the cost of visits by creative artists. Through this program, foundations, corporations, and individual donors enable artists to enjoy the opportunity to work without interruption in the supportive environment that Yaddo provides.

ENDOWED RESIDENCIES

Elizabeth Ames Residency
Established in 2006 for an artist working in any discipline. Offered every other year in honor of Yaddo's first Executive Director. Designee in 2019: Mark King.

Milton and Sally Michel Avery Residency for a Visual Artist
Established in 1985 by Yaddo artist Sally Michel Avery in honor of her late husband, Milton, who was also a Yaddo artist. Designee in 2019: Ha Ninh Pham.

Louise Bourgeois Residency for a Sculptor
Established in 1995 by Louise Bourgeois to support young sculptors. Designee in 2019: Tracy Goodman.

Abigail Angell Canfield and Cass Canfield Jr. Residency for Writers
Established in 2004 by Mr. and Mrs. Cass Canfield Jr. to support one writer, preferably from Latin America, every other year. Designee in 2019: Elisa Diaz Castelo.

Eli Cantor Residency for Writers
Established in 1984 in honor of the Yaddo writer. Designee in 2019: Ucheoma Onwutuebe.

Linda Collins Endowed Residency for Writers
Established in 2016 by The Morris and Alma Schapiro Fund in honor of the late writer and Yaddo Director Linda Collins, to support a writer. Designee in 2019: Peter Trachtenberg.

David Del Tredici Residency for a Composer, funded by the Aaron Copland Fund for Music
Established in 2013 by the Aaron Copland Fund for Music. Designee in 2019: Sophie Cash.

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Writer Alexis Okeowo

Philip Guston and Musa McKim Residency
Established in 2004 by Musa Guston Mayer in honor of her parents, Yaddo artists Philip Guston and Musa McKim, to support a visual artist or a poet. Designee in 2019: Michael Snediker.

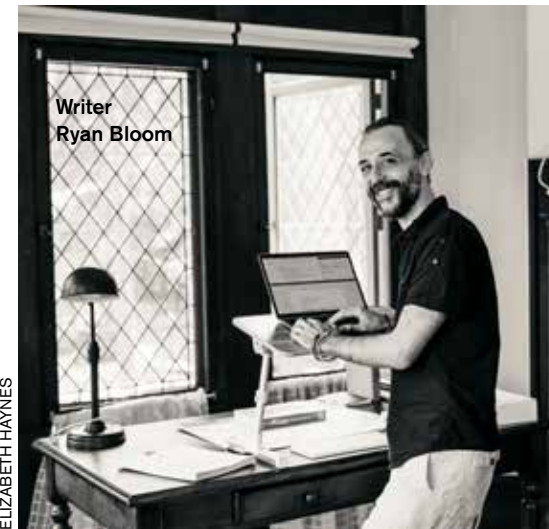
Curtis Harnack Residency for Writers
Established in 1984 in honor of the Yaddo writer and former Yaddo President. Designee in 2019: Ben Taylor.

Dorothy and Granville Hicks Residency in Literature
Established in 1983 by Stephanie Craib in honor of her mother, Dorothy, and father, Granville Hicks, who served as Acting Executive Director of Yaddo in 1970, to support young and promising writers. Designee in 2019: Vu Tran.

Patricia Highsmith-Plangman Residency
Established in 1995 by Yaddo artist Patricia Highsmith. Designee in 2019: Kristen Radtke.



Writer Vu Tran



Writer Ryan Bloom

ELIZABETH HAYNES

The LeSage-Fullilove Residency for a Writer
Established in 2004 in honor of Dr. Alain LeSage and Dr. Roland (Jack) Fullilove to support a young or emerging writer of exceptional talent and promise. Designee in 2019: Swan Huntley.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Residencies
Established in 1990 by The MacArthur Foundation. Designees in 2019: Edgar Oliver & Michael Torke.

Meredith S. Moody Residency
Established in 1997 by the Moody family for a female photographer in honor of the late Meredith S. Moody. Designee in 2019: Merle Meisler.

Carson McCullers Residency

Established in 2014 in honor of Mary Mercer for artists in any discipline. Designee in 2019: Fiona Templeton.

Howard Moss Residency in Poetry

Established in 1991 in honor of the late poet and Yaddo Board member. Designee in 2019: Vijay Seshad.

Ann Wadsworth Olberg Residency for Creative Writers

Established in 2006 by Yaddo poet and Member of the Corporation Gardner McFall and Peter Olberg in memory of his mother, Ann Wadsworth Olberg, for a poet or fiction writer having a special relationship to the State of Iowa through birth, residence, or education. Designee to be named in 2020.

Plumsock Endowed Residency

Established in 1995 to support creative artists, preferably from Central America. Designees in 2019: Miguel Calderon & Alvaro Sarmiento.

Yvonne Porter Endowed Residency

Established in 2000 by the Louisa Stude Sarofim Charitable Trust to honor Yvonne Porter, and awarded every other year to an artist working in any discipline and residing in Texas. Designee in 2019: Ricardo Nulia.

Donald and Genie Rice Residency

Established in 2001 by Donald and Genie Rice to support a filmmaker. Designee in 2019: Boots Riley.

George Rickey Endowed Residency

Established by the artist in 2000 to support young visual artists. Designee in 2019: Laura Parnes.

Nora Sayre Residency for a Nonfiction Writer

Established in 2006 in honor of the Yaddo writer Nora Sayre and awarded every third year. Designee to be named in 2021.

Alma B.C. Schapiro Residency for a Woman Painter

Established by the M.A. Schapiro Fund in honor of the late painter Alma B. C. Schapiro. Designee in 2019: Debra Zlotzky.

James Silberman and Selma Shapiro Residency

Established in 2004 by Selma Shapiro and James Silberman to support a writer and awarded every other year. Designee to be named in 2020.

Janet Sloane Endowed Residency

Established in 1996 by Alfred Z. Solomon in honor of his late sister, a Member of the Corporation. Designee in 2019: Daesha Harris.

Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger Residency

Established by *The New York Times* Foundation in honor of Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger. Designee in 2019: Alexis Okeowo.

Michael and Nina Sundell Residency

Established in 2001 in honor of Michael Sundell, former President of Yaddo, and his wife, Nina, to support a creative artist in any medium. Designee in 2019: Amitava Kumar.

The Sundell Residency for Special Assistants

Established by Nina Sundell in 2013, in honor of Michael Sundell, to support the visits of four creative artists, working in any medium, who served as Special Assistants to the President. Designees in 2019: Jorge Cortinas, Manuel Sosa, Cris Beam, and Dean Haspiel.

Harriet and Esteban Vicente Residency

Established by Harriet and Esteban Vicente in 2001 to support a painter, preferably from Spain. Designee to be filled in 2019.

Jane Adams Wait Residency

Established in 1996 by The Adirondack Trust Company to honor the dedication and service of Jane A. Wait to the Corporation of Yaddo, to support a composer or choreographer. Designee in 2019: James Lapine.

Wallace Foundation Residency for Distinguished Writers

Established in 1983 by The Dewitt Wallace Fund/Reader's Digest Foundation. Designee in 2019: Brian Christian.



The White Flowers Residency for Composers

Established in 2001 by Chris Flowers and Mary White to support a composer. Designee in 2019: Chris Cerrone.

Bernard V. Winebaum Residency

Established in 1995 by the estate of poet and visual artist Bernard V. Winebaum to support creative artists, with a preference for those from northern New England. Designee in 2019: James Scott.

SINGLE YEAR RESIDENCIES

Amazon Literary Partnership Residency

Established in 2013 in support of Yaddo's New York City Benefit. Designee in 2019: Ryan Bloom.

The Ford Family Foundation Residency

Established in 2016 by The Ford Family Foundation to support visual artists residing in Oregon. Designees in 2019: Laura Vandenburg.

National Endowment for the Arts Residency for Composers

Established in 2019 by the NEA to support composers. Designees in 2019: Ailis Ni Riain and Ricardo Zohn-Muldon.

Martha Walsh Pulver Residency for a Poet

Established in 2001 by the family of Martha Walsh Pulver in her honor, to support a female poet. Designee in 2019: Marianne Boruch.

The Sendak/Glynn Narrative Illustration Residency

Established in 2018 by the Maurice Sendak Foundation to support one artist whose primary media is work on paper through the use of non-digital tools. Designee in 2019: Lourdes Bernard.



VARIATIONS 2019 UNFOLDED OVER SEVERAL EVENINGS

in April and May, with events in San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and New York. Our annual benefit series of intimate dinners with Yaddo guests of honor exceeded fundraising goals and raised more than \$128,000 to support the nearly 300 artists who come to Yaddo every year from around the world. Many thanks to our generous corporate and individual

sponsors, our gracious hosts, and all who attended. We're especially grateful for the acclaimed Yaddo artists who delivered such spectacular programs: Amitava Kumar; Sigrid Nunez; Meg Wolitzer in conversation with Melissa Meyer; Patricia Volk, Neal Thompson and Jonathan Santlofer in an evening of memoir; Richard Price in conversation with Walter Kirn; Andrew Sean Greer, and performers Joseph Keckler and John Kelly.

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A RECORD NUMBER OF GUESTS

celebrated the arts and the reopening of the Yaddo Mansion at the annual Summer Benefit on Thursday, June 20th. President Elaina Richardson welcomed the community back to the Mansion with a rousing "We did it!", thanking everyone in the room whose support made possible the preservation of Yaddo's historic jewel for generations to come. An evening highlight was an acoustic performance by singer-songwriter Mike Doughty, founder of the 90s band Soul Coughing, who performed a number of old favorites and new classics for the appreciative crowd, along with a few funny anecdotes about his own creative time at Yaddo.

Thanks to the generosity of the Saratoga and Capital Region communities, the sold-out event raised more than \$200,000 in support of the artist residency program. As always, we owe a large measure of the evening's success to our dedicated volunteer committee members: We extend our gratitude for your tireless advocacy and support of Yaddo and the arts.

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Sold-out weeks in advance and attended by over 220 people,

the October 2019 Gala raised over \$850,000, becoming the most successful fundraiser in Yaddo's history. Hosted by President Elaina Richardson and Co-chairs Janice Lee and Peter Kayafas, the evening was highlighted by "Letters to Yaddo," a performance directed by Yaddo filmmaker Tamara Jenkins featuring acclaimed artists Rufus Collins, Willem Dafoe, Kathryn Hahn and Lucy Liu. The script showcased letters by such luminaries as James Baldwin,

Patricia Highsmith and Dorothy Parker. Finally, Yaddo playwright Jorge Ignacio Cortiñas and Yaddo novelist Boomer Pinches described the dramatic impact their residencies made on their work, and on their lives.

We're so grateful to our spectacular Gala Co-Chairs Janice Y.K. Lee and Joseph Bae, Marilyn and Willis Goldsmith, Peter Kayafas, Lisa Warren and Konrad Kruger and to all our incredible donors and sponsors. We extend a special thanks to leading artists Jay McInerney, Lynn Nottage, Gary

Shteyngart and Colm Tóibín for generously donating their talent and time. Thanks, too, to event donors Gabriele Corcos, Glenfiddich, Lincoln Center, the Manhattan Theater Club, Beluga Noble Russian Vodka and Patrick Allen Selections, who helped to make the evening unforgettable.

Our supporters' remarkable generosity makes it possible for us to expand, providing more programming than ever and a state-of-the-art working environment for almost 300 diverse artists from around the world. We thank you!

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HIGHLIGHTS

On November 20th, the **Yaddo Artist Reunion** brought alumni and supporters to the Brooklyn Historical Society for the presentation of the 2019 Yaddo Artist Medal to iconic American painter and filmmaker **Alfred Leslie**. Alexi Worth and Jennifer Egan introduced the 92-year old “enfant terrible” honoree.



PETER BELLAMY

In January, Yaddo was pleased to partner with MLK Saratoga to host Yaddo artist **Kima Jones** for a discussion on **Empowering Artists of Color** at community cultural hub Caffè Lena.



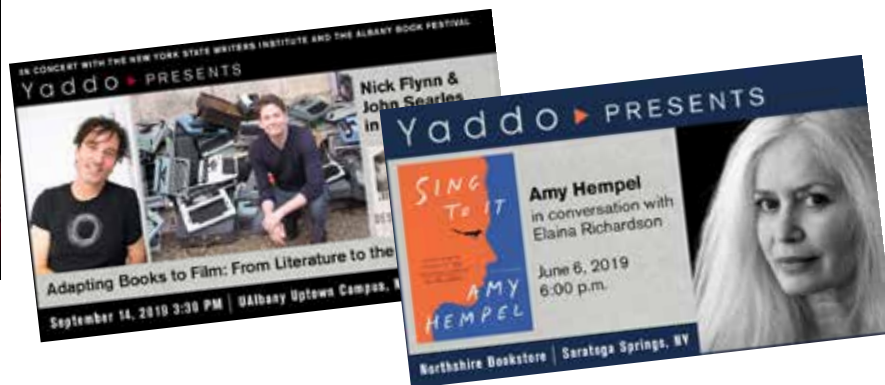
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▲ **NYC Events** On June 6th, Yaddo joined National Queer Theater, Out of the Box Theatrics, and Stonewall 50 Consortium to host **Yaddo Inspirations: A Queer Look Through Generations**, with Leigh Fondakowski, Doron Langberg, Glendalys Medina and RK Pérez. In October, Yaddo and Brooklyn’s Center for Fiction presented **Gender, Bodies and Machines**, a cross-disciplinary conversation between Yaddo author Susan Steinberg and visual artist Heidi Kumao.



Members of the **Saratoga Springs High School Yaddo Club**, underwritten by a grant from Stewart’s Shops and the Dake Family, gathered in June to present the year-long research projects they undertook with Yaddo’s support. From left, Amalia Culpepper-Wehr, Grace Alberti, Bailey Kerr, and Esmee Johns.



▲ **Yaddo Presents!** Our series @Northshire Bookstore hosted Yaddo authors Amy Hempel, Joseph Caldwell, Adam Platt and Meghan Daum in evenings of reading and conversation. In September, Yaddo partnered with the New York State Writers Institute to bring Yaddo authors Nick Flynn and John Searles to the Albany Book Festival for **Adapting Books to Film: From Literature to the Silver Screen**.

2019 SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 & 2018
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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets

(Unrestricted & Temporarily Restricted Fund Classes)

	2019	2018
	TOTAL	TOTAL
REVENUES AND GAINS		
Contributions		
Individuals	\$1,096,625	1,274,491
Estates & Bequests	\$102,115	51,560
Foundations & Corporations	\$132,136	85,730
Government Grants	\$10,000	80,000
Events	\$1,300,724	459,866
Royalties	\$191,406	264,344
Application Fees	\$42,248	34,597
Income on Investments	\$626,798	835,308
Other	\$149,826	117,317
Subtotal	\$3,651,877	3,203,214
Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	\$3,905,427	(2,205,574)
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	<u>7,557,303</u>	<u>997,640</u>
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EXPENSES		
Artistic Program Services	1,949,833	1,971,417
Administration and Development Services	1,380,728	1,287,355
Garden Expenditures	83,722	119,907
Total Expenses	3,414,283	3,378,679
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>\$4,143,020</u>	<u>(\$2,381,039)</u>
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ENDOWMENT FUNDS	at 12/31/19	at 12/31/18
Unrestricted Funds	\$20,764,324	\$18,152,798
Temporarily & Permanently Restricted Funds	7,679,955	6,714,048
Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$28,444,279</u>	<u>\$24,866,846</u>



Visual artist Deborah Zlotsky in Greenhouse studio.
Photograph by Elizabeth Haynes

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WE ARE ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL to Yaddo's leadership, our Board of Directors and Members of the Corporation, whose total gifts to our 2019 Annual Fund drive exceeded goal. Artists and former residents also expressed their appreciation for the time they spent at Yaddo by generously supporting the Annual Fund. We thank the numerous artists who rallied around our 2019 Giving Tuesday campaign. Together, the generosity of all our patrons—individuals, foundations, corporations and government agencies—helped us continue Yaddo's mission to encourage and underwrite the creative process.

In addition to Annual Fund contributions,

many individuals provided crucial support to Yaddo's Capital Campaign, making possible the restoration of our historic Mansion—the architectural jewel and the soul of Yaddo. Among the many generous Campaign gifts and pledges received are two galvanizing \$250,000 challenge grants from a private artist-endowed foundation. Contributions made against the challenge grants will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, once each threshold is met—up to a total match of \$500,000.

With dedicated and committed event leadership and organizing committees, our annual benefit events—Variations 2019 (in New York City, San Francisco, and

Washington, D.C.), the Summer Benefit in Saratoga Springs, and the October Gala in New York City—enjoyed great success. These gatherings are vital in generating support for our residency program, and together raised nearly \$1.2 million.

As always, we wish to thank the many volunteers of the Yaddo Garden Association for their unwavering support and upkeep of our beautiful rose gardens.

All of us at Yaddo are pleased to salute those who joined us through their generous donations to the Annual Fund and Capital Campaign in recognizing the power and importance of investing in the creative process.



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