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 well-known artists, reflecting a broad range of contemporary styles and creative perspectives. They are welcomed to Yaddo without regard for their financial circumstances.
It’s hard to believe we’re well into our second year as Co-Chairs of Yaddo’s Board.

By necessity, given our commitment to revitalizing our core facilities, we had a strong focus on fundraising in 2014 – which can make it easy to forget Yaddo’s basic mission. It’s a place of retreat. As artists, we were already aware of the deep value of the time and space Yaddo exists to provide, but as the Capital Campaign begins to accelerate, we are more cognizant than ever of the profound need for silence, for support, and for community, to keep creativity going at its highest level. Matt Crawford, in a recent New York Times op-ed, was quite brilliant on this topic. He notes:

“The benefits of silence … are not measured in the gross domestic product, yet the availability of silence surely contributes to creativity and innovation. They do not show up explicitly in social statistics such as level of educational achievement, yet one consumes a great deal of silence in the course of becoming educated. …Silence is now offered as a luxury good. In the business-class lounge at Charles de Gaulle Airport, I heard only the occasional tinkling of a spoon against china. I saw no advertisements on the walls. This silence, more than any other feature, is what makes it feel genuinely luxurious.”

We’re about to break ground on five new live-work studios. These new buildings are strategically placed around our recently restored ponds, away from the noise of the Northway; thus, as we extend our footprint we are also enlarging our circle of tranquility. The very fact that one of these cabins is funded by Yaddo artists is an indication of how strongly our alumni feel about the need for the kind of retreat Yaddo offers. These studios will allow Yaddo to make the necessary restorations to the Mansion without greatly diminishing our capacity during this time. They will also be equipped to meet the needs and methods of 21st century artists.

This year we are very pleased to welcome two new Members of the Corporation, Ayad Akhtar and Ann Chen. They have already proven to be committed and inspiring and join the ranks of our existing vital and engaged Membership. We are also excited to have Janice Y.K. Lee and Jill Viney join our Board of Directors. The growth of our Membership and Board has been a high priority and a crucial task as we lay the strongest possible foundation for our second century.

Sadly, as we welcomed new talents, we also had to say goodbye to stalwarts: we greatly mourn the recent deaths of our long-term Member, Anne Palamountain, the cherished “first lady of Skidmore,” who did so much to build support for Yaddo in the Capital District, and Nina Sundell, the wife of our beloved former President, Mike Sundell.

With thanks to Candace Weir, our Treasurer, the endowment is in good health – it closed the year at over $30 million, a strong achievement for 2014 given the rigors of the market and the fact that at the beginning of 2013 it stood at just over $25 million.

In financial terms, and in programmatic terms, 2014 was a strong year in general for Yaddo – much work was done and much was achieved. The year ended with a balanced budget, a significant marker of financial health and community support as we embark on a Capital Campaign. We were able to raise an initial $2.4 million for our Preserving the Past/Building a Vibrant Future initiative without cannibalizing annual support. This sign of momentum is encouraging as we progress through 2015 and beyond.

We know these achievements have placed demands on all of us, and warmest thanks go to Yaddo’s amazing staff, especially to our hard-working President, Elaina Richardson.

And lastly, a big thank you to all of you for your support. Yaddo couldn’t exist without you! We look forward to hearing your input and ideas, and will reach out with news of future developments soon.

A.M. Homes and Susan Unterberg
Co-Chairs
“How are things going at Yaddo?”

Hopefully, anyone who asked me that question in 2014 had some time on their hands, because the answer would not have been brief! It was an exciting year, full of accomplishments as well as a challenge or two, and given coherence by our commitment to two resonant themes: Preserving our Past and Building a Vibrant Future.

A first step toward this 21st-century iteration of Yaddo involved finalizing the planning and prep work for five new live-work studios that will be completed in 2015 and available for use year-round. Built along the ridge that overlooks our restored ponds, these studios will allow us to move our artists away from the noise of the interstate highway. The arts and the artists we host are in a constant state of renewal, and the facilities that support them should be, too. These new studios are an exhilarating and highly visible way of communicating Yaddo’s dedication to providing the highest quality environment for creative work. As we staked out the new roads that will lead to these studios and finalized all the necessary approvals it was hard not to imagine the joy our founders, Spencer and Katrina Trask, might have taken in the enterprise. They, usually by choice, sometimes by necessity, were tireless in their desire to invigorate their estate and its buildings, to draft ideas and to experiment — a great source of inspiration, in fact, as we broke ground. In their letter, our talented and dedicated Co-Chairs, A.M. Homes and Susan Unterberg, mention that these new studios have been generously supported by many people, including a large number of our former guests, who banded together to underwrite the Artists Studio at Yaddo. I join Susan and A.M. in sending my thanks to each of these supporters and give my heartfelt thanks to Susan and A.M. themselves.

Of course, strategy and oversight are essential to the realization of such large plans, and in this context I thank in particular Candace Weir for her smart and dynamic chairing of our Finance and Audit Committee and Patricia Sopp, Yaddo’s stellar Vice President for Finance.

Buildings are at heart no more than a simple way for us to actualize our mission, that simple promise to offer good working conditions to artists at no cost to them. And on the program side, Yaddo did shine in 2014. We welcomed 226 guest artists out of an applicant pool of 1,425. We noted a steady increase in all categories (as you may know, Yaddo has five judging panels), most notably in artists applying with collaborative projects. They came to Yaddo from twenty-four states and the District of Columbia, in addition to several foreign countries, including China, Hungary, and Mexico. Nearly
The arts and the artists we host are in a constant state of renewal, and the facilities that support them should be, too.

half were guests at Yaddo for the first time and the artists ranged in age from early-20s to late-80s. With the shrewd guidance of our Admissions Committees and partners at the Knight and Hearst Foundations, we also renewed our efforts to guarantee the vitality of our admissions process through improved outreach. These efforts paid off handsomely in a lively and talented group of artists in residence throughout the year. Our admissions panels once again did an outstanding job reviewing applicants; I am indebted to the chairperson of each one, and to the artists who generously agreed to help us with this task. Despite a noticeable spike in applications and the gradual increase in guests over the decades, we are still, as the Trasks mandated, “few in number,” and the Yaddo magic continues to have a transforming impact, as was evident from the large number of artists who testified in letters, dedications, and interviews last year to the staggering impact time at Yaddo had on their output and creativity.

As always, I thank my talented and hard-working colleagues for all they did to make 2014 so productive: I learned a lot from each of them as we collectively shaped goals and, more importantly, a shared vision of how to get there. We said goodbye to a most valued colleague, as Lesley Leduc, Yaddo’s Public Affairs Coordinator for nineteen years, retired. Our entire organization thanks her for her exceptional service, and already misses the depth of her knowledge about all things Yaddo! I also salute the dedicated Members and Directors of the Corporation (especially the Executive Committee and our Vice-Chair, Peter Kayafas) and Yaddo’s generous community of supporters for once more promoting a deeper understanding of the value of solitude and community, of time and space, and—most important of all—the increasingly urgent necessity of supporting the work of individual artists if we are to have a vibrant and engaged cultural life. With much being asked of everyone, much was given: the response to our commitment to Preserve our Past and Build a Vibrant Future was unfailingly positive from every sector of our community in 2014. That inspires confidence and it is a profound responsibility that will chart our course in the coming years. Stay tuned!

Elaina Richardson,
President
YADDO WELCOMED

226 extraordinary artists in 2014. As always, it was an international group that hailed from many parts of the globe, from China to the Czech Republic, with a particularly strong contingent from Latin America. Our ten collaborative teams, some working in our new Greenhouse Studios, exemplified Yaddo’s commitment to interdisciplinary practices. We pushed in other new directions, as well, inviting not only people working on the boundaries between art forms, but between art and science, welcoming a physicist, several physicians, computer animators, and a mathematician.

“In order to insure for Yaddo a larger influence and...in the hope that it may continue as a practical force in the world for all time, we desire to found here a permanent Home to which shall come from time to time...authors, painters, sculptors, musicians, and other artists both men and women, few in number but chosen for creative gifts and besides and not less for the power and the will and the purpose to make these gifts useful to the world...It is such as these whom we would have enjoy the hospitality of Yaddo, their sole qualification being that they have done, are doing, or give promise of doing good and earnest work.”

– Spencer and Katrina Trask, 1900
André Aciman, a writer from New York, NY
David Adjmi, a writer from New York, NY
Natalia Afentoulidou, a visual artist from Boston, MA
Ayad Akhtar, a writer from New York, NY
Mia Alvar, a writer from New York, NY
Laurie Anderson, a performance artist from New York, NY
Patrick Arden, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Irina Arnaut, a film and video artist from Sunnyside, NY
Kevin Augustine, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Leah Jean Bailly, a writer from Los Angeles, CA
Amy Quan Barry, a writer from Madison, WI
Jeremy Beck, a composer from New York, NY
Kim Beck, a visual artist from Pittsburgh, PA
Jennifer Cello, a visual artist from Long Beach, CA
Dan Belim, a writer from Berkeley, CA
Lucy Jean Bledsoe, a writer from Berkeley, CA
Ryan Bloom, a writer from Washington, DC
Ahimsa Timoteo Bodhram, East Lansing, MI
Frances Bodomo, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY
Christopher Bolin, a writer from St. Joseph, MN
Marianne Boruch, a writer from West Lafayette, IN
Daniel Brewbaker, a composer from New York, NY
Rosanna Bruno, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Stephen Cabell, a composer from New York, NY
Robert Carl, a composer from Hartford, CT
Mark Allen Cunningham, a writer from Portland, OR
Cherien Dabis, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Richard Danietpour, a composer from New York, NY
Wah-Ming Chang, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Susan Cheever, a writer from New York, NY
Catherine Chung, a writer from New York, NY
Tom Cipullo, a composer from Long Island City, NY
Andrea Clearfield, a composer from Philadelphia, PA
Marcelle Clements, a writer from New York, NY
Tony Cokes, a film and video artist from Providence, RI
Liz Collins, a visual artist from New York, NY
Lydia Conklin, a writer from East Sandwich, MA
Daniel Felsenfeld, a composer from Brooklyn, NY
Paul Foster, a film and video artist from Berlin, Germany
Jeffrey Frederick, a writer from New York, NY
Lynn Freed, a writer from Sonoma, CA
James Duff, a collaborative artist from New York, NY
Torkwase Dyson, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Clemencia Echeverri, a film and video artist from Bogota, Columbia
Echo Eggebrecht, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Kristin Davis, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Jaime de la Jara, a visual artist from Madrid, Spain
Kyle deCamp, a performance artist from New York, NY
David Del Tredici, a composer from New York, NY
David Deschamps, a collaborative artist from Brooklyn, NY
Anastasia Douka, a visual artist from Chicago, IL
Helena Drysdale, a writer from Burton, United Kingdom
Richard Dubugnon, a composer from Paris, France
Christy Funsch, a performance artist from San Francisco, CA
Benjamin Gassman, a writer from Astoria, NY
Anthony Gatto, a composer from Brooklyn, NY
Andrew Ginzel, a visual artist from New York, NY
Beka Goedde, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Adam Goldman, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY
Joe Goode, a performance artist from Berkeley, CA
Gail Gregg, a visual artist from New York, NY
Shanti Grumbine, a visual artist from New Paltz, NY
Katharine Hackett, a film and video artist from Glendale, CA
Heidi Hahn, a visual artist from New Haven, CT
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Jane Hirshfield, from New York, NY
composer from Yonkers, NY
from Williamsburg, VA
Lucia Hierro, from Pawtucket, RI
video artist from Muncie, IN
Carol Irving, from Albuquerque, NM
Frank Hybler, a writer from Albuquerque, NM
Patricia Hamp, a writer from St. Paul, MN
Judith Harris, a writer from Washington, DC
Michael Harrison, a composer from Yorkonks, NY
Michael Haverty, a performance artist from Decatur, GA
Richard Hayes, a writer from Staten Island, NY
Lucia Hierro, a visual artist from New York, NY
Jane Hirshfield, a writer from Mill Valley, CA
Leslie Hirst, a visual artist from Pawtucket, RI
A.M. Homes, a writer from New York, NY
Elizabeth Huey, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Laryssa Husitak, a performance artist from Des Moines, IA
Mario Zapranis, a writer from New York, NY
Maura Jasper, a film and video artist from Muncie, IN
Tamara Jenkins, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Beena Kamllani, a writer from New York, NY
Laura Karetzky, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Vincent Katz, a writer from New York, NY

Elliott Levine, a visual artist from New York, NY
Alexander Lewin, a writer from Beverly Hills, CA
Dong Li, a writer from Suzhou, China
Cynthia Lin, a visual artist from New York NY
Joan Linder, a visual artist from Buffalo, NY
Mimi Lipson, a writer from Kingston, NY
Laura Lomas, a writer from London, United Kingdom
Alexander Lumans, a writer from Denver, CO
Isabelle Lempkin, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Fiona Mazzel, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Evan Mack, a collaborative artist from Albany, NY
Alexander Maksik, a writer from Brooklyn NY
Dominic Mangila, a visual artist from Jackson Heights, NY
James Marcus, a writer from New York, NY
Cleoapatra Mathis, a writer from Post Mills, VT
Nyla Jean Matuck, a writer from Toronto, Canada
Richard McCann, a writer from Washington, DC
Stephen McCauley, a writer from Cambridge, MA
Gardner McFall, a writer from New York, NY
Joshua McGuire, a collaborative artist from Nashville, TN
Glendaisy Medina, a visual artist from Bronx, NY
Edie Meidav, a writer from Amherst, MA
Melissa Meyer, a visual artist from New York, NY
Joshua Miller, a visual artist from San Diego, CA
Jaqwynn Mitchard, a writer from Brentwood, WA
Anna Moench, a writer from Fresh Kills, United Kingdom
Jonathan Monaghan, a film and video artist from Washington, DC
Rick Moody, a writer from Dover Plains, NY

Honor Moore, a writer from New York, NY
Pamela Mordecai, a writer from Kitchener, Ontario, Canada
Julia Morrison, a collaborative artist from Prague, Czech Republic
Julia Anna Morrison, a writer from Halifax, NS
Jennifer Moses, a writer from New York, NY
Nicholas Mueller, a visual artist from Spencer, NY
BrIDGET Mullen, a visual artist from New York, NY
KALPANA NARAYANAN, a writer from Atlanta, GA
Jacob Newberry, a writer from Tallahassee, FL
Joo Nigoghossian, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Odilid Odita, a visual artist from Conshohocken, PA
Rene Orth, a composer from Philadelphia, PA
Sylvan Oswald, a writer from New York, NY
Catherine Palmer, a writer from Austin, TX
Debra Pearlman, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Gelah Penn, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Cherry Pickles, a visual artist from Haverfordwest, Wales, United Kingdom
Greg Pierce, a writer from New York, NY
Jefferson Pinder, a performance artist from Chicago, IL
Jana Príkrtyl, a writer from New York, NY
Laina Pruett, a writer from Upton, MA
David Rakowski, a composer from Maynard, MA
Lisa Randall, a writer from Cambridge, MA
Spencer Reece, a writer from Madrid, Spain
Nancy Reisman, a writer from Nashville, TN
Ronnie Reshef, a writer from New York, NY
Alessandro Ricciarelli, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Peggy Riley, a writer from Wastelake Kent, United Kingdom
Melinda Ring, a performance artist from New York, NY
Chiaralice Rizzi, a collaborative artist from Venice, Italy
Andrei Roiter, a visual artist from New York, NY
Margaret Ross, a writer from New York, NY
Jules Rosskam, a film and video artist from Holyoke, MA
Libby Rothfeld, a visual artist from New York, NY
Carmelita Safdie, a visual artist from Astoria, NY
Gregory Sale, a performance artist from Phoenix, AZ
Steven Sametz, a composer from Danielsville, PA
Stephen Sandy, a writer from Bennington, VT
Jonathan Santlofer, a visual artist from New York, NY
Tina Satter, a performance artist from New York, NY
Karen Schiff, a visual artist from New York, NY
SUSAN SCHEINBERG, a writer from New York, NY
Laura Schwendinger, a composer from Madison, WI
James Scott, a writer from White Plains, GA
Ruth Segev, a visual artist from Berlin, Germany
Kirk Shannon-Batts, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Yiwen Shen, a composer from New York, NY
Normandy Sherwood, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Andrew Simonet, a performance artist from Philadelphia, PA
Bennett Singer, a collaborative artist from Brooklyn, NY
Jennifer Sirey, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Michael Sledge, a writer from San Francisco, CA
Daniel Smith, a writer from New York, NY
Michael Smediker, a writer from Houston, TX
Bruce Snider, a writer from San Francisco, CA
Daia Sofer, a writer from New York, NY
Celine Song, a collaborative artist from Brooklyn, NY
Manuel Sosa, a composer from New York, NY
James Southard, a visual artist from Louisville, KY
Beth Steel, a writer from London, United Kingdom
Stacey Steers, a film and video artist from Boulder, CO
Melissa Stein, a writer from San Francisco, CA
Susan Steinberg, a writer from San Francisco, CA
Nova Ren Suma, a writer from New York, NY
Amber Hawk Swanson, a performance artist from New York, NY
Lysley Tenorio, a writer from San Francisco, CA
Kathleen Tolzan, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Roger Toledo, a visual artist from Cuba
Mariol Torres, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Sarah Jane Tortora, a visual artist from Guildford, CT
Rosemarie Troche, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Jill Viney, a visual artist from New York, NY
Christine Voros, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Kate Walbert, a writer from New York, NY
G.C. Waldrep, a writer from Lewisburg, PA
Jonathan Walters, a performance artist from Portland, OR
Amanda Ward, a writer from Austin, TX
Rachel Wetly, a visual artist from Glouster, MA
Lawrence Weschler, a writer from Pelham, NY
Guinatan Ana Wikso, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Christopher Williams, a performance artist from New York, NY
Carl Wilson, a visual artist from Hamtramck, MI
Mark Wingardner, a writer from Tallahassee, FL
Pawel Wojtasik, a film and video artist from New York, NY
Anne-E. Wood, a writer from Brooklyn, NY
Geo Wyeth, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Leslie Youngblood, a writer from Rochester, NY
Mario Zambrano, a writer from Spring, TX
Peter Zilahy, a writer from Budapest, Hungary
Greg Zuccolo, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Sponsored residencies support Yaddo’s fundamental mission by underwriting the cost of visits. Through this program, foundations, corporations, and individual donors enable artists to enjoy the opportunity to work without interruption in Yaddo’s supportive environment.

**ENDOWED RESIDENCIES**

**Elizabeth Ames Residency**

**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 2014: Laura Karetzky.

**Louise Bourgeois Residency for a Sculptor**

**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 to be named in 2015.

**Eli Cantor Residency for Writers**

**David Del Tredici Residency for a Composer, funded by the Aaron Copland Fund for Music**

**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 2014: Cherry Pickles.
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 in 2014: Roger Toledo.

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 2014: Michael Snediker.

Donald and Genie Rice Residency
Established in 2001 by Donald and Genie Rice to support a filmmaker. Designee in 2014: Jonathan Monaghan.

George Rickey Endowed Residency
Established by the artist in 2000 to support young visual artists. Designee in 2014: Jo Nigoghossian.

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 2015.

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 2014: Elizabeth Huey.

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 in 2014: André Aciman.

Janet Sloane Endowed Residency
Established in 1996 by Alfred Z. Solomon in honor of his late sister, a Member of The Corporation of Yaddo. Designee in 2014: Odili Odita.

Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger Residency

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 2014: Lisa Randall.

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 2014: Andrew Ginzel, Eric Lane, Dan Levenson, and James Scott.

Harriet and Esteban Vicente Residency
Established by Harriet and Esteban Vicente in 2001 to support a painter, preferably from Spain. Designee in 2014: Jaime de la Jara.

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 2014: Manuel Sosa.

Wallace Foundation Residency for Distinguished Writers

The White Flowers Residency for Composers

Bernard V. Winebaum Residency

Curtis Harnack Residency for Writers

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 2014: Julia Morrison.

Patricia Highsmith-Plangman Residency

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 2014: Greg Pierce.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Residencies

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 2014: Deborah Pearlman.

Howard Moss Residency in Poetry
Anonymous
Established by an anonymous Yaddo artist to support artists preferably working in film, video, or performance art. Designees in 2014: Rose Marie Troche, Stacy Steers and Adam Goldman.

Hudson River Bank and Trust Co. Foundation Residency
Established by the Hudson River Bank and Trust Co. Foundation in 2012 to support an artist working in any discipline living in Columbia County. Designee to be named in 2015.

Newman’s Own, Inc. Residency
Established in 1996 by Newman’s Own, Inc. to support a playwright, screenwriter, or filmmaker. Designee in 2014: Paul Festa.

New York State Council on the Arts Residency in Film and Electronic Media
Established in 2010 to support the residency of a filmmaker or media artist. Designees in 2014: Christina Voros.

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 2014: Amy Quan Barry.

Tony Randall Theatrical Fund Residency

Leonard Riggio Residency
Established in 2014 through a gift to Yaddo’s New York City benefit, to support an artist working in any discipline. Designee in 2014: Andrei Roiter.

Charles and Candace Wait Residency
Established in 2014 through a gift to Yaddo’s New York City benefit, to support an artist working in any discipline. Designee in 2014: Christopher Williams.
Over 250 friends of Yaddo gathered at the Hotel Edison Ballroom in Midtown Manhattan on May 14 for our annual New York City Benefit, where Alison Lurie presented her longtime friend Philip Roth with the inaugural Yaddo Artist Medal. Roth, who had his first residency at Yaddo in 1964, and returned six times over the next eight years, dedicated his novel *The Breast* to Yaddo and its then Executive Director Elizabeth Ames as “the best friends a writer could have.” The event also served as an occasion to honor the New York Racing Association, Inc., which operates our closest neighboring institution, the historic Saratoga Race Course. Charles and Candace Wait co-chaired the benefit, which raised $275,000 to help fund the residency program.

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The Honorable and Mrs. Earle I. Mack
The Riggio Foundation
Charles and Candace Wait

**BENEFIT COMMITTEE**

Patricia Volk, Chair
Blair Brown
Gail Gregg
Mary-Beth Hughes

Guests at our 2014 Summer Benefit were entertained by one of America’s most accomplished and acclaimed fiction writers, Jayne Anne Phillips, who spoke about her book *Quiet Dell*, a work of historical fiction based on a series of murders that took place in Depression-era West Virginia. The book was partially written at Yaddo.

The sold-out event was a huge success, raising $137,709. Thanks to the generosity of the Capital Region community and the hard work of the members of the volunteer committees, Yaddo was able to devote more than 90 percent of the proceeds from the benefit directly to the artist residency program.

**BENEFIT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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Sequoyah Finkell
Brendan Flanigan
Patricia A. Friesen
Beth Harker
Patricia HasBrouck
Sally King
Joann Long
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Let’s Get Together

Yaddo had many highlights to be proud of in 2014, and many opportunities to bring our community together, blending supporters, artists, board members, and peers.

Yaddo collaborated with partners at Games for Change, the Museum of Modern Art, and E-Line Media to organize a conference on video games at the Norwood Club.

Peter Cameron hosted a series of lively salons at his apartment.

US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and US Congressman Paul Tonko graciously attended the ceremony where our National Historic Landmark plaque was unveiled. FROM LEFT: Kirsten Gillibrand, Elaina Richardson, Paul Tonko. Photo by Meaghan Carney.

Yaddo opened its doors over the September 20-21 weekend, and the response was tremendous: our volunteer docents gave tours to over 1250 visitors. The event raised over $68,000. Photos by Meaghan Carney.

Restoration brought the statue of Christalan back to his “blithe grace.” Photo by Lynn Farenell.

The Aaron Copland Fund and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer David Del Tredici presented a concert to mark the beginning of an endowed residency in music composition at Yaddo.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Wes York, Jim Kendrick, Vivian Perlis, David Del Tredici, Courtenay Budd; Felix Del Tredici; Courtenay Budd, Steven Burke, David Del Tredici, Joel Conarroe; Courtenay Budd. Photos by Monica Simoes.
### 2014 SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 & 2013**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets**

*Unrestricted & Temporarily Restricted Fund Classes*

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We are especially grateful to Yaddo’s leadership, our Board of Directors and Members of the Corporation, for providing one of the high points of our 2014 annual fund drive, with total gifts exceeding the budget goal, and a significant increase over the amount contributed in 2013. Artists and former residents also continued to acknowledge their appreciation for the time they spent at Yaddo by generously supporting the fund. Together, all of our donors—individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies—helped us support and encourage the creative process, leading to the production of a wide range of contemporary art.

The Tony Randall Theatrical Fund underwrote a residency for a playwright for the first time in 2014, recognizing a longstanding tradition at Yaddo of hosting individuals who write for theater, among them such recent Pulitzer Prize winners as Ayad Akhtar, Annie Baker, and Doug Wright. We were also enormously encouraged by renewed funding from The Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation that made it possible for us to provide financial assistance to artists who might not otherwise be able to afford the costs related to a residency, such as travel, child care, and lost wages.

Through the dedication and commitment of the event leadership and organizing committees, our annual benefits, in New York City and Saratoga Springs, were memorable and successful events. We also wish to thank, as always, the Yaddo Garden Association for its efforts both in fundraising and in the upkeep of our beautiful rose and rock gardens.

Finally, this overview of our fundraising for the past year would be incomplete without mention of an initial series of commitments to a capital campaign we quietly began in 2014, designed both to preserve our past and secure our future. We received over $2.4 million in pledges and gift payments, a tremendous accomplishment, which set the stage for construction of five new live-work studios, as well as the restoration and renovation of our mansion.

All of us at Yaddo are pleased to salute the individuals, institutions, and public agencies that made gifts and pledges in 2014 to the annual fund and capital campaign.
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