The Lost Year

Reclaimed.
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, our guests work in traditional and non-traditional media. They include emerging and well-known artists, from across the USA and around the world, reflecting a broad range of contemporary styles and creative perspectives. They are welcomed to Yaddo without regard for their financial circumstances.

COVER: Sun breaks through to illuminate a Yaddo path
THIS PAGE: Throughout this Report, you will see examples of works generously donated by the artist to Yaddo’s Auction. Here, Melissa Meyer, *Footloose 1*
Dear Members of the Yaddo Community,

We write this letter on an unseasonably warm day, at the beginning of spring, and what is hopefully the beginning of a new and promising post-pandemic environment. While no one can foresee all the long-term consequences of this seismic time, we are confident that Yaddo has faced the worst of this past year with a steady hand and deep consideration for the artists we serve.

As you know, we made the difficult decision to close the program in March of 2020 for only the second time in our history and, in the strange vacuum that followed, we tried our best to continue to serve our mission by supporting artists through programming and alternative convening opportunities for our community. We got much too familiar with Zoom as we grappled with the new normal, but never lost sight of the fact that how we face our challenges is the foundation of our success during better times; that is to say, we must always put the arts and the artists first.

Under the able leadership of Elaina Richardson, we secured numerous relief grants, both public and private, and we reworked the 2020 budget to reflect all of those changes. Thanks to the generosity of our board, artists and large community of supporters, we managed to end the year with a small surplus—truly remarkable in a year when regular fundraising events were not possible. In addition to the general health of the budget, we reinforced our conviction that Yaddo plays an essential role in the world community of artists.

We stand strengthened, if humbled, by this past year, the support of all of you, and our hope for the future.

With great anticipation, we reopened to our first pod of artists in February 2021, while keeping the safety of our staff, guests and community paramount. It has been a great success, as we expect will be the case with the others scheduled through the rest of the year.

Yaddo continues to find amazing new members and this year we welcome Jamie Caro, Bridget Fawcett, Mark King, Manuel Sosa and Candace Wait, in addition to essential and talented new staff members Michele Hannah, VP/Finance, and Aaron Rosenblum, Communications Coordinator.

Alas, we lost two beloved Lifetime Members, Leslie Cohen Berlowitz and James Silberman, whose memories and contributions to Yaddo over many years we gratefully acknowledge.

We very much look forward to keeping in touch as this year unfolds, and to continuing to share our appreciation for all of you and the invaluable role that you play in energizing our important mission to serve artists.

Janice Y.K. Lee
Peter Kayafas
We entered 2020 with a lot of fanfare: work had recently finished on the comprehensive restoration of our storied mansion, we garnered praise and awards and had announced that we would be increasing capacity by 25 percent, with almost 300 writers and artists set to visit Yaddo over the course of the year. Of course, we now know what happened to such robust plans as the pandemic swept across the world. We closed our doors, for only the second time in our history, in the spring and stayed closed until February 2021. It was, therefore, a year of reflection, experimentation, reassessment, a few real joys, and much anxiety.

Before the world folded inwards, you might have surmised that a period of social distancing would be a no-brainer for Yaddo. After all, we’re a retreat—a place consciously designed to allow for hush, for deep-thinking, reflection and solitude. One of our core traditions is quiet hours, held each day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and again after 10 p.m.—what could be more interior leaning than that? But as we shuttered our program with the heaviest of hearts, not knowing

With no guest artists, Truman became the embodiment of what was missing from the picture. (Photo credit: Thomas Dimpopolous)
when we would be re-enlivened with the bustle of guests, I found myself thinking a lot about the other side of the retreat coin: community. As we all know from our own lives—whether from meditation or prayer, solitary walks or an unplugged phone—the point of retreat is to gather strength and then advance. For Yaddo’s artists, the form that re-entry takes is a lucky one for each of us—it’s the thousands of books, films, symphonies and artworks that delight, challenge and comfort us throughout the years. It turns out that Yaddo is not just a collection of buildings and truly beautiful grounds, it’s connection through friendships, the exchange of ideas, and the drawing together of us all.

And so, with the modest hope that we could be of some use to our artists and to our international base of supporters, alum, and neighbors, we sprang into action to enhance community and share a few pleasures. We set up a Yaddo Authors Bookshop, which features recently-published titles from our writers; we compiled frequent updates on resources for artists; and we hosted numerous virtual gatherings, from concerts broadcast from musician’s living rooms to advice-giving forums for artists, and virtual dinners to connect all of those who should have been around a real table at Yaddo but had their residency postponed. We also plunged in to the unknown (for us) territory of a podcast, launching Shadow/Yaddo to bring voices of hope, resistance, and good cheer into listeners’ world. Many of these activities proved to be the silver lining of the year and we’ll continue them post-pandemic.

We also initiated an arduous process of getting up to speed on the realities of Covid-19, assessing continually the plans for safely reopening. A borrowed maxim of “First do no harm,” became our touchstone as we considered options. We knew that a cycle of cancellations was the worst thing for our artists, leading to a cascade of problems, from studios and apartments sublet that needed to be reclaimed, job opportunities lost because someone anticipated being in residence, plane tickets unused … a long and complex list of consequences if we scheduled dates for artists and then had to rescind the offer. Not to mention the new reality of each person feeling differently about social distancing and returning to communal activities.

As our stellar Board co-chairs, Janice Lee and Peter Kayafas, note in their Report, our Board and members joined the staff in untangling these issues and coming up with a strategic approach that kept Yaddo fiscally sound and our community as safe as could be. I thank Janice and Peter, Yaddo’s Board and Members, and my colleagues on staff for the remarkable care and dedication they contributed to Yaddo’s cause, especially knowing how much everyone was juggling in their own lives as the pandemic wore on.

And I thank all of our friends, artists, and donors wholeheartedly for your energy and support for what Yaddo does. You proved time and again that in 2020 we may have been inside, but we were not alone. It was inspiring to me to come together to explore the cultural landscape Yaddo helps create and to take the opportunity of a closed year to think critically about new paradigms for the arts and ways that we can come back stronger, smarter, and more inclusive than ever. I think we’ll find there are many paths to wander down and a lot of laughs and insights to be had as we move forward.

“Let us have the luxury of silence.”
Jane Austen, Mansfield Park
We began 2020 fully expecting to reach our highest ever capacity number, with more artists than before able to enjoy the gift that is Yaddo. Well, we all know what happened to such best-laid plans! Up until our closure in March of 2020, we had 37 guests in residence, drawn from around the US and across the world—with 8 international artists joining us from Botswana, Canada, China, Spain and the UK. As borders closed and the pandemic shuttered countries and states alike we worked hard with our artists to see them safely back home and to reassure all that their Yaddo residency was postponed not canceled. We are glad to be able to offer a “do over” residency for all of those who should have been with us in 2020 or whose time was cut short.
Mike Albo, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Steven Bellin-Oka, a writer from Tulsa, OK
Andrea Clearfield, a composer from Philadelphia, PA
Liz Collins, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Maeve D’Arcy, a visual artist from Jackson Heights, NY
Arisleyda Dilone, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY
Luba Drozd, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Sophie Eisner, a visual artist from Detroit, MI
Carrie Fertig, a performance artist from Edinburgh, Scotland
Jamie Ford, a writer from Great Falls, MT
Ru Freeman, a writer from Bala Cynwyd, PA
Melissa Friedling, a film and video artist from Brooklyn, NY
CJ Hauser, a writer from Hamilton, NY
Kylie Heidenheimer, a visual artist from New York, NY
Erick Alejandro Hernández, a visual artist from New York, NY
Tessa Hulls, a writer from Seattle, WA
*Beena Kamlani, a writer from New York, NY
Karan Kandhari, a film and video artist from London, United Kingdom
Krish Raghav, a graphic novelist from Beijing, China
*Eric Lane, a writer from Woodside, NY
Daniel Lazour, a collaborative artist from New York, NY
Patrick Lazour, a collaborative artist from New York, NY
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Toni Ross, a visual artist from Wainscott, NY
Julie Schenkelberg, a visual artist from Hamtramck, MI
Mmakgosi Tau, a film and video artist from Romostasw, Botswana
‡Stewart Wallace, a composer from New York, NY
Tatiana Tenenbaum, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY
Karen Topaz, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY
Steven Snowden, a writer from Waltham, MA
Marcia Walker, a writer from Toronto, Canada
Rebecca Walz, a collaborative artist from Chicago, IL

*Special Assistants to the President
‡Board member
#Direct Invitation
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 to be named in 2021.

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 2020: Luba Drozd.

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 2021.

Eli Cantor Residency for Writers

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 2020: Ru Freeman.

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 2020: Liz Collins.

Curtis Harnack Residency for Writers
Established in 1984 in honor of the Yaddo writer and former Yaddo President. Designee in 2020: Joshua Riedel.

Dorothy and Granville Hicks Residency in Literature
Established in 1983 by Stephanie Craig 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 2020: Tessa Hulls.

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 2020: CJ Hauser.

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 deferred to 2021.

Carson McCullers Residency
Established in 2014 in honor of Mary Mercer for artists in any discipline. Designee in 2020: Julie Schenkelberg.

Howard Moss Residency in Poetry
Established in 1991 in honor of the late poet and Yaddo Board member. Designee in 2020: Spencer Reece.

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 deferred to 2021.

Plumsock Endowed Residency
Established in 1995 to support creative artists, preferably from Central America. Designees to be filled in 2021.

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 awarded every other year. Designee deferred to 2021.
Donald and Genie Rice Residency
Established in 2001 by Donald and Genie Rice to support a filmmaker. Designee in 2020: Mmakgosi Tau.

George Rickey Endowed Residency
Established by the artist in 2000 to support young visual artists. Designee in 2020: Erick Alejandro Hernández.

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

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 2021.

Janet Sloane Endowed Residency
Established in 1996 by Alfred Z. Solomon in honor of his late sister, a Member of the Corporation. Designee in 2020: Kylie Heidenheimer.

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 2020: Mike Albo.

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 2020: Beena Kamlani and Eric Lane.

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 2021.

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 2020: Carrie Fertig.

Wallace Foundation Residency for Distinguished Writers

The White Flowers Residency for Composers
Established in 2001 by Chris Flowers and Mary White to support a composer. Designees in 2020: Daniel Lazour and Patrick Lazour.

Bernard V. Winebaum Residency

Single Year Residencies

Amazon Literary Partnership Residency

OPPOSITE PAGE: (top) Luba Drozd (below) Steven Bellin-Oka
ABOVE: Ru Freeman
**Yaddo Events**

**With Yaddo’s Program Paused, our Mission Persisted...**

Yaddo maintained a vital connection to our artists and allies through an inventive and broad array of digital and virtual programming that reached thousands of our friends and supporters, enriching their lives and providing a much-needed sense of community. To support and nurture that collective spirit from afar, we put resources into a series of virtual events, we hosted free artist forums, we opened an online bookshop for new releases from Yaddo writers, and launched a podcast to highlight our artists’ work and amplify their voices. While these innovations were born from necessity, many of them have proven to be so vital and inspired that we continue to include them in our ongoing programming.

**Bringing our A-Game to Plan B ...**

On the eve of announcing our schedule of 2020 Variations events—our annual benefit series of intimate dinners with Yaddo guests of honor—the pandemic quickly took hold in New York and everything shuttered. The question on everyone’s mind: For how long? Soon it became clear we would need to cancel all 2020 in-person fundraising and artist events and go virtual. We kicked off Yaddo Virtual Variations 2020 in June when American icon Stephen Shore joined fellow photographer and Yaddo Board co-Chair Peter Kayafas to discuss process and practice, influence and intention. In July, “Sex & Vanity” featured Kevin Kwan—author of the mega-bestselling *Crazy Rich Asians* trilogy—in conversation with acclaimed novelist and Yaddo Board co-Chair Janice Y.K. Lee. Next, journalist and bestselling author of *The Orchid Thief* and *The Library Book*, Susan Orlean joined New York Times contributor Celia McGee in conversation for “The Phantom Card Catalogue.” In November, Virtual Variations 2020 wrapped up with “Philip Roth Revealed,” as award-winning authors Benjamin Taylor and Patricia Volk discussed the legendary writer and recipient of the first Yaddo Artist Medal and his work.
2020 Artist Events


In an effort to offer a venue for artists to connect, compare notes, and share tips and best practices, we offered free Zoom Yaddo Artist Forums with topics such as “Remote Teaching,” “Promoting Your Book During Quarantine,” and “Struggling for Gigs: Funding Resources.” We Zoomed on with our public Yaddo Presents series in partnership with Northshire Bookstore, with Tim Weiner (The Folly and the Glory: America, Russia, and Political Warfare, 1945-2020), Rachel Eliza Griffiths (Seeing the Body: Poems) and Maaza Mengiste (The Shadow King).

We updated our website and supercharged our social media presence with “Poems for These Days” and #CheersAtFive.

Partnering with Bookshop.org, we created our Yaddo Authors Bookshop, giving Yaddo’s writers a new means to promote their book and offer an easy path for readers to buy online while supporting their local bookseller.

Yaddo Authors Bookshop

Support local bookstores and shop new releases and select highlights from Yaddo Authors.

In these strange days, brought about by the global pandemic, many of us are doing our best to embrace the imposed silence and solitude and are happily inside reading, but writers and bookstores are struggling. Bookstores across the country have shuttered. Author tours, signings, and store appearances have been scrapped. Major literary festivals and fairs around the world have (rightly) been canceled. But you can help! Please join Yaddo in this opportunity to support our beloved authors and local booksellers.

Yaddo was established in 1906 with retreat in mind. It was intended to be a place apart from the noise of cities, the demands of the marketplace, the potential isolation all creative workers can experience. And it has succeeded magnificently as an antidote to those pressures, a place that knows and provides what artists most need—time, space and community.

Since our founding, we have welcomed more than 7,000 artists whose books, films, paintings, music, and performances have enriched, challenged, and expanded all of our lives. You can learn more at www.yaddo.org. But for now, check out these listings from our recent guests. Join us in finding a comfortable perch, turning off the news for a bit, and disappearing into the joys of a wonderful book.
Virtual Fall Benefit 2020

In lieu of our annual Saratoga Summer Benefit, our Virtual Fall Benefit raised nearly $50,000 in support of Yaddo. The night’s program offered a rare look inside some of our most-storied rooms, including Patricia Highsmith’s study at West House, narrated by five-time Emmy-nominated actress and Yaddo Board Member, Blair Brown. The evening featured performances by the multi-talented Rachel Eliza Griffith and the sensational musical duo The Lazours. Local donors and art enthusiasts, India Adams, Brendan Flanigan and Patricia Friesen also shared what Yaddo means to them.

Virtual Art Auction

The Yaddo Virtual Art Auction, held in early October, enlisted a diverse group of more than 50 national and international artists and alumni—both notable names and emerging talents—who contributed museum-quality artworks in a wide range of media including painting, photography, fabric, collage, etching, ceramics, and more. Virtual attendees bid on and took home pieces, raising more than $125,000, with proceeds split between contributing artists and Yaddo.
Shadow // Yaddo

2020 also challenged us to launch something altogether new and exciting: a Yaddo podcast. Broadcasting hope, resistance, humor and curiosity—listenership for Shadow // Yaddo hosted by Elaina Richardson has grown exponentially since Episode 1 dropped in mid-September, with downloads all over the world! Our first 8 episodes included Jonathan Lethem on his secret to success; writer, singer-songwriter and former Soul Coughing frontman Mike Doughty told us why he always keeps a guitar in his hands; Glendalys Medina shared a performance and her thoughts on the difficulty of survey shows; Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Sheri Fink discussed our global pandemic; NPR veteran Jacki Lyden reported from the Heartland on our presidential election; and acclaimed writer Amitava Kumar chatted with Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and novelist Ayad Akhtar.

Tune in as we shine a light on the transformative vision of artists through conversations about art, literature, activism, ecology, inspiration and daily life. New episodes are available every Thursday, all can be found at Yaddo.org or wherever you listen to podcasts.
The Trask Society
Planned Giving to Sustain Yaddo

Yaddo was established by a remarkable act of philanthropy by our founders, Katrina and Spencer Trask, who chose to leave all they had (including furniture, family heirlooms, land, buildings, and an incredibly restorative setting) to future generations of writers and artists, believing deeply in the importance of supporting creative freedom and the primary role of the arts in all of our lives. That founding impulse has been echoed and magnified over more than a century by others who shared the Trasks’ belief that a vibrant culture is a cornerstone of our society. These supporters, who have thoughtfully and generously taken Yaddo into consideration in their financial planning—through a bequest, charitable remainder trust, a gift of tangible or real property, or by naming Yaddo as a beneficiary in their retirement plan or insurance policy—form the Trask Society. We thank each of them for their commitment to sustaining Yaddo for generations to come.

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+Indicates deceased
Ever since 1912, Yaddo has presented a Medal to two outstanding members of the Saratoga Springs High School Senior Class in honor of their academic achievement, character, and commitment to their community. In receiving the Medal, the students join an illustrious group (you can see all past winners at www.yaddo.com on the “History” page). In 2020, as with so much, the ceremony had to be rethought. But it happened! The 2020 recipients were Trinity Hogben and Casey Navin. Trinity is heading to Siena College and Casey enlisted in the Army Reserves.

We give thanks to our Board member, Madelyn P. Jennings, who leads the fundraising efforts for the Medal each year. Thanks to Madelyn and our generous Medal Fund Supporters, the Medal, which is created each year by Tiffany & Co. from a mold designed by Russian Sculptor Victor Brenner, has been endowed in perpetuity. We were absolutely delighted to be able to keep the tradition going even in such challenging times.

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In the most challenging of years, we are especially grateful to Yaddo’s leadership, our Board of Directors and Members of the Corporation of Yaddo, and the other generous supporters listed here for their gifts to the Annual Fund and to our Capital Campaign. Together, along with indispensable support from the government through the Stimulus Bill, they made sure that the promise of Yaddo held strong, and we were able to come through 2020 with a modest surplus.

All of us at Yaddo salute those who donated to Yaddo for recognizing the power and importance of investing in the creative process. Thank you!

A chalk drawing by writer C.J. Hauser to cheer us as we had to temporarily close the program
Yaddo Capital Campaign Leadership Giving

Yaddo is deeply grateful to these donors. Together we have honored and preserved the past, while building a sustainable future for generations to come.

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# 2020 Selected Financial Information

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

*(Unrestricted & Temporarily Restricted Fund Classes)*

### REVENUES AND GAINS

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<td>Foundations &amp; Corporations</td>
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<td><strong>Events</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Royalties</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support</strong></td>
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<td>Administration and Development Services</td>
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<td>Garden Expenditures</td>
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<td><strong>$31,506,560</strong></td>
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