The Yaddo Artist Medal recognizes individuals who exemplify a level of achievement and commitment to their art that reflects the tradition of excellence that is a hallmark of the Yaddo residency program. It also celebrates artists who are supportive of others in their field and the sense of community that Yaddo fosters among artists.

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The Yaddo Artist Medal was designed by visual artist, James Siena in 2014.

Yaddo is a nonprofit retreat for artists in Saratoga Springs, New York. Our mission is to nurture the creative process by providing an opportunity for artists to work without interruption in a supportive environment.
**2024 Host and Honorees**

**Alan Cumming** is a Scottish American actor, singer, writer, producer, and director. His most recent work includes devising and performing a solo dance theatre piece, “Burn” about the Scottish poet Robert Burns, which opened the Edinburgh International festival, toured Scotland and ended at the Joyce in NYC; directing and producing a comedy drama podcast series about a sperm bank heist; hosting the cultural phenomenon *The Traitors* on Peacock, and performing his solo cabaret show *Alan Cumming is Not Acting His Age* around the world, ending up on Broadway. His new solo show *Uncut* was developed at Yaddo in the fall of last year.

**Lisa Cortés** is a Grammy-nominated and Emmy-winning director and producer. She is known for generating bold, explosive art that shines light on important stories hidden from view. From executive-producing the Academy Award–winning film *Precious* to producing and directing 2023’s “enthralling documentary” (*Variety Magazine*) *Little Richard: I Am Everything*, Cortés sparks cultural change through works of unrivaled excellence. Cortés founded her own production company, Cortés Filmworks, and is committed to telling complex, powerful stories from new perspectives and elevating the talent often overlooked by the mainstream.

**Chester Himes** (1909 – 1984) was a Great American Novelist whose influence continues to impact young writers. “[His] unapologetic zenith of Black identity was a revelation in every sense of the word” (*The New York Times*). A contemporary of Hemingway, Fitzgerald, and his fellow Yaddo artists James Baldwin and Langston Hughes, Himes came to Yaddo in 1948 following a stint in prison, where he’d begun writing. His novels explored the complexities of race, injustice, and urban life. Born in Jefferson City, Missouri, Himes gained recognition for his Harlem detective series, featuring characters like Coffin Ed Johnson and Gravedigger Jones. His portrayal of Black protagonists challenged societal norms, earning him international acclaim. His novels *A Rage in Harlem* and *Cotton Comes to Harlem* were adapted into successful films.

**Young Jean Lee** is a playwright, director, and filmmaker who has been called “the most adventurous downtown playwright of her generation” by *The New York Times*. She is the first Asian-American female playwright to have had a play produced on Broadway, and she has written and directed 10 shows in New York with Young Jean Lee’s Theater Company. Her plays have been performed in more than 80 cities around the world. Her short films have been presented at The Locarno International Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, and BAMcinemaFest. Lee is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, two OBIE Awards, a Prize in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, a PEN Literary Award, a United States Artists Fellowship, and the Windham–Campbell Prize. She has worked as a television writer for Disney, Hulu, and FX, and is currently developing an original television series with Made Up Stories for Fifth Season and CJ ENM America. She is the Denning Family Professor in the Arts at Stanford University.

**Tarik O’Regan** is a London-born composer based in San Francisco. In recent years, much of his work has investigated and been influenced by his dual Arab and Irish heritages. 2024 sees performances of his work at Deutsche Opera Berlin, the Wigmore Hall in London, and in major tours by the Dunedin Consort and Scottish Chamber Orchestra. Recently he was awarded a Coronation Medal by His Majesty King Charles III for his *Agnus Dei* commissioned for the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey in 2023. Tarik is a Yaddo Artist-in-Residence 2004 and 2006 and was invited onto the Yaddo Board of Directors in 2016.

**Amy Sillman** is an acclaimed visual artist, best known for her rigorous formal engagement with painting and iterative drawings, and an excavation of form lying between abstraction and figuration. She has developed a rich, open-ended exploration of how painting might work in relation to diverse media as well as questions of time and sequence. Sillman’s work has been exhibited widely at institutions and galleries in the United States and Europe, and is held in many private and public collections, including MoMA, the Whitney Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Tate Modern in London, the Brooklyn Museum, and the National Gallery in Washington D.C. In 2019, she curated the widely heralded exhibition “The Shape of Shape” for the MoMA Artist’s Choice series.
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