2025

Yaddo

Annual Report

The need for Yaddo has never been greater

Studio still life. **SaraNoa Mark**, 2025

MISSION

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 writers and artists to work without interruption in a supportive environment.

We offer residencies to professional creative artists working in the following disciplines: literature, choreography, film, musical composition, painting, performance art, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and film/video. Artists apply individually. They are selected by panels of professional artists without regard to financial means.

Tertiary to our core mission, we build an engaged audience for the work of Yaddo artists and share arts programming, educational opportunities, and other resources with our local community and beyond. We are committed to a sustainable future for Yaddo.

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Report from the Co-Chairs

JANICE Y.K. LEE

PETER KAYAFAS

Dear Members of the Yaddo Community,

This past year reminded us, forcefully, that Yaddo does not exist apart from the world, but in conversation with it. These are fraught days, and yet they are days that affirm, with renewed clarity, why Yaddo exists.

Throughout its history, Yaddo has served as a retreat for artists in unsettling times. While the "Yaddo bubble" can at times be dismissed as indulgent or insular, the truth is quite the opposite: the protected space Yaddo gives is essential, and increasingly urgent.

The demand for what we offer continues to grow. Rising application numbers make clear both the need for what Yaddo provides and the pressures facing institutions like ours. These realities have shaped much of our thinking this year: remaining faithful to Yaddo's mission while adapting to present conditions.

Yaddo faces very real institutional challenges. Rising costs, complex operational demands, and the long-term responsibilities of sustainability require careful stewardship. The annual budgeting process reflects this reality, as does our ongoing work to expand and strengthen the Board. We need more hands, more voices, and more shared responsibility to ensure Yaddo's health and future.

The departure of our beloved President, Elaina Richardson, is yet one more facet in the evolution of Yaddo's story. After twenty-five years of brilliant leadership, it is hard to fathom Yaddo without her, but we are committed to doing our best to replace the irreplaceable. You will hear more from us on this front in the coming months.

With all that is going on, still we remain deeply encouraged. Yaddo is not a hard sell. The mission endures; the work produced here continues to shape culture in immeasurable ways, and the talent, commitment, and wisdom of those in our community give us confidence. As Board members, we are entrusted with thinking institutionally, holding Yaddo in trust, and stewarding it with care so that it may continue to serve artists for generations to come.

This year's conversations, committee work, and case studies reflect both the pressures we face and the strength we possess to meet them. They reaffirm a simple but powerful truth: in moments of uncertainty, the need for spaces that protect creative freedom, deep thinking, and human connection has never been greater. Yaddo's work endures because that need endures—and because this community continues to rise to meet it.

Janice Y.K. Lee

Peter Kayafas

President's Report

As Yaddo approaches its centennial, I find myself reflecting deeply on both where we have been and where we are headed. In moments of transition, it is natural to look back—not out of nostalgia, but to better understand what endures and what must evolve. After twenty-five years at Yaddo, I know how important it is to stay true to the beautiful simplicity of what Yaddo does so well: offer a period of creative respite from the daily grind to the world's leading artists and writers. But I also know how important it is to embrace needed change, to evolve, to grow stronger by reimagining what's possible. It is in that spirit that I told the Yaddo Members and Directors at the end of last year that I believe this is the right moment to begin a thoughtful transition in leadership, one that honors the institution's strength while welcoming fresh vision and energy.

Yaddo was founded in 1900 in response to a world in turmoil, created as a place where artists could find the time, space, and freedom denied by the pressures of daily life. Those pressures have only intensified over the past century. Yet Yaddo's mission—to protect the conditions under which creative work can flourish—remains as urgent today as it was when the first artists arrived here in 1926. As we prepare to celebrate one hundred years of residency at Yaddo, I am struck by how faithfully that founding idea has carried us forward.

Over the course of my tenure, I have had the privilege of working alongside extraordinary artists, staff, Board members, and supporters who share a deep commitment to this mission. Together, we have stewarded Yaddo through periods of growth, challenge, and change—strengthening the program, preserving the grounds, and expanding our capacity to serve artists across disciplines. From major restoration projects and new studios to strategic planning, archival preservation, and program innovation, our work has always

ABOVE: Yaddo President Elaina Richardson in Katrina Trask's Room at Yaddo. Photo: Erik Tanner for *The New York Times*.

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been guided by the belief that artists need—and deserve—uninterrupted time and supportive community.

The past several years, in particular, have demanded resilience and deftness. Navigating a global pandemic, reopening safely, and finding new ways to remain connected reaffirmed both the fragility and the power of creative institutions. Initiatives such as *Shadow Yaddo* and new models of residency engagement emerged from that period, reminding us that while the form may change, the purpose does not.

As Yaddo prepares for a new era of leadership, I am deeply grateful to our Board, especially our brilliant Co-Chairs Janice Y.K. Lee and Peter Kayafas, for their stewardship and partnership. With a robust Board, a strong staff, and a clear sense of purpose, Yaddo is well positioned for the future. The national search for Yaddo's next leader will unfold over the coming year, and I will remain fully engaged during this transition, committed to ensuring continuity and care.

More than anything, I am proud of the artists—past, present, and future—whose work has been shaped, in some meaningful way, by time spent at Yaddo. Their contributions to culture are immeasurable, and Yaddo's role in nurturing that work remains both a responsibility and a privilege.

As we look ahead to our centennial and beyond, I do so with confidence and gratitude. Yaddo endures because its purpose endures. It has always been, and will continue to be, a place where artists can think freely, work deeply, and imagine boldly—exactly what the world needs now, and always.

Yaddo Guests

In 2025, Yaddo hosted 214 guests in residence for a total of 5,757 guest days. Guests hailed from thirty-two U.S. states and territories and twenty-three countries worldwide. The average length of each residency was 26.9 days. In total, 69% were first-time visitors to Yaddo, 40% self-identified as artists of color, and 60% self-identified as women.

WRITERS

Mike Albo, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Madhur Anand, a writer from Guelph, Canada

Aileen Bassis, a writer from Long Island City, NY

Cris Beam, a writer from New York, NY

Helen Benedict, a writer from New York, NY

Bliss Broyard, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Sam Burns, a writer from Moscow, ID

Peter Cameron, a writer from Sandgate, VT

Rachel Cantor, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Zoë Carpenter, a writer from Portland, OR

Hodding Carter, a writer from Camden, ME

Nell Casey, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Marilyn Chin, a writer from La Mesa, CA

Heather Clark, a writer from Mount Kisco, NY

Marcelle Clements, a writer from New York, NY

Alice Eve Cohen, a writer from New York, NY

Samantha Colicchio, a writer from Newport Beach, CA

David Cote, a writer from New York, NY

Maxe Crandall, a writer from Oakland, CA

Ashon Crawley, a writer from Richmond, VA

Meehan Crist, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Nana-Ama Danquah, a writer from Accra, Ghana

David DeGusta, a writer from Castro Valley, CA

Carina del Valle Schorske, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Jaquira Díaz, a writer from New York, NY

Zoë Erwin-Longstaff, a writer from Toronto, Canada

Christine Evans, a writer from Washington, DC

Chanda Feldman, a writer from Oberlin, OH

Lily Felsenthal, a writer from Los Angeles, CA

Emilia Fenton, a writer from Roswell, GA

Madeline Ffitch, a writer from Millfield, OH

Sheri Fink, a writer from New York, NY

C. Francis Fisher, a writer from Brighton, MA

Emily Flake, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Amy Fleury, a writer from Eau Claire, WI

Libby Flores, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Cal Flyn, a writer from Glasgow, Scotland

Melenie Flynn, a writer from Easthampton, MA

Steve Friedman, a writer from New York, NY

Mary Gaitskill, a writer from Catskill, NY

Gavriella Gilbert, a writer from Albany, NY

Leona Godin, a writer from New York, NY

Bill Goldstein, a writer from New York, NY

Isabella Hammad, a writer from Athens, Greece

Jack Helton, a writer from Pasadena, CA

Jane Hirshfield, a writer from Mill Valley, CA

Vivian Hu, a writer from Richardson, TX

Vanessa Hua, a writer from Orinda, CA

Jesse Jae Hoon, a writer from Astoria, NY

Sophie Kemp, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Trevor Ketner, a writer from New York, NY

Porochista Khakpour, a writer from New York, NY

Christopher Kondrich, a writer from University Park, MD

Sade LaNay, a writer from New York, NY

Haruna Lee, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Jonathan Lethem, a writer from Claremont, CA

Ashley Nelson Levy, a writer from Richmond, CA

Kate Lewis, a writer from Alexandria, VA

Jerry Lieblich, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Anya Liftig, a writer from Westport, CT

Karan Mahajan, a writer from Providence, RI

Gloria Majule, a writer from Seattle, WA

Forest Malley, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Lydia Martin, a writer from Miami, FL

Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, a writer from Vancouver, Canada

Thomas McBee, a writer from Alhambra, CA

Skyler Melnick, a writer from New York, NY

Matthew Modica, a writer from Brighton, MA

Julie Moon, a writer from San Diego, CA

Dina Nayeri, a writer from Edinburgh, Scotland

Beth Nguyen, a writer from Madison, WI

Janice Nimura, a writer from New York, NY

Genta Nishku, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Ricardo Nuila, a writer from Houston, TX

Adaobi Tricia Nwaubani, a writer from Abuja, Nigeria

Eren Orbey, a writer from Boston, MA

Ola Osaze, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Nina Peláez, a writer from Makawao, HI

Celeste Pepitone-Nahas, a writer from Rennes, France

Boomer Pinches, a writer from Northampton, MA

Joan Reilly, a writer from Kutztown, PA

Yaddo Artist Group, November 2025. Photo courtesy of artist and animation director, Amanda Bonaiuto.

Julie Ries, a writer from Red Hook, NY

Lucy Sante, a writer from Kingston, NY

Adam Schorin, a writer from Berlin, Germany

Tanya Selvaratnam, a writer from New York, NY

Zoe Si, a writer from Vancouver, Canada

Shraya Singh, a writer from Spokane, WA

Hannah Smith, a writer from Dallas, TX

Michael Snediker, a writer from Houston, TX

Suzanne Snider, a writer from Hudson, NY

Eraldo Souza dos Santos, a writer from Ithaca, NY

Gabe Spera, a writer from Los Angeles, CA

Ellie Stanford, a writer from Narbeth, PA

Jessica Stern, a writer from Hancock, NH

Mary-Lan Tan, a writer from Berlin, Germany

Ben Taylor, a writer from New York, NY

Michelle Tea, a writer from Glendale, CA

Christy Tending, a writer from Oakland, CA

Ann Townsend, a writer from Granville, OH

Robin Tremblay-McGaw, a writer from San Francisco, CA

Marianne Villanueva, a writer from Redwood City, CA

John Walch, a writer from Fayetteville, AR

Sammy Weaver, a writer from Todmorden, United Kingdom

Lauren Weinstein, a writer from Maplewood, NJ

Mark Winegardner, a writer from Tallahassee, FL

Monica Youn, a writer from Brooklyn, NY

Felicia Zamora, a writer from Cincinnati, OH

VISUAL ARTISTS

Henna Aho, a visual artist from Turku, Finland

Mickey Aloisio, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Skip Brea, a visual artist from Bronx, New York

Nick Carter, a visual artist from Providence, RI

Nina Cooke John, a visual artist from Montclair, NJ

Esperanza Cortés, a visual artist from New York, NY

Lisa Corinne Davis, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

v. nico d'entremont, a visual artist from Los Angeles, CA

S Emsaki, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Anita Esfandiari, a visual artist from Berlin, Germany

Laurel Farrin, a visual artist from Iowa City, IA

Laura Foxman, a visual artist from Detroit, MI

Coulter Fussell, a visual artist from Water Valley, MS

Sarah Gamble, a visual artist from Philadelphia, PA

Jude Griebel, a visual artist from Calgary, Canada

Gwen Hardie, a visual artist from New York, NY

Jodi Hays, a visual artist from Nashville, TN

Curtis Holder, a visual artist from London, United Kingdom

Monroe Isenberg, a visual artist from Los Angeles, CA

Frida Kahlo (Guerrilla Girls), a visual artist from New York, NY

Paul Karasik, a visual artist from West Tisbury, MA

Sydney Mieko King, a visual artist from New Haven, CT

Larry Krone, a visual artist from New York, NY

Jemila MacEwan, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

SaraNoa Mark, a visual artist from New York, NY

Clayton Merrell, a visual artist from Pittsburgh, PA

Linn Meyers, a visual artist from Washington, DC

Jenene Nagy, a visual artist from Riverside, CA

William O'Brien, a visual artist from Chicago, IL

Masud Olufani, a visual artist from Atlanta, GA

Anna Ortiz, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Teneille Prosper, a visual artist from New Orleans, LA

ransome, a visual artist from Rhinebeck, NY

Leslie Roberts, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Rachel Stern, a visual artist from New York, NY

Thiang Uk, a visual artist from Baltimore, MD

Jennifer Dalton, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Werner Hoeflich, a visual artist from Easton, CT

Mark Sengbusch, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Nell Painter, a visual artist from East Orange, NJ

Natalie Ortiz, a visual artist from Brooklyn, NY

Mimi Laquidara, a visual artist from Rosario, Argentina

Danny Castro, a visual artist from Bronx, NY

Laila Stevens, a visual artist from Jamaica, NY

Max Spitzer, a visual artist from Grand Rapids, MI

Diana Fine, a visual artist from South Orange, NJ

Isaac Vazquez, a visual artist from Chicago, IL

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Steven NK Tran, Curtis Holder, Zoe Si's journal capturing of Jemila MacEwan, artist group photo at Mark Sengbusch's studio.

FILM & VIDEO

Nemo Allen, a film & video artist from Woodstock, NY

Saif Alsaegh, a film & video artist from Anaheim, CA

Amber Bemak, a film & video artist from Northampton, MA

Amanda Bonaiuto, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Todd Chandler, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Christina Choe, a film & video artist from Los Angeles, CA

Sam Feder, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Neil Goldberg, a film & video artist from New York, NY

Christie Herring, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Bara Jichova Tyson, a film & video artist from Prague, Czech Republic

Hillary Jordan, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Lisa Leeman, a film & video artist from Venice, CA

Zhen Li, a film & video artist from Eden Prairie, MN

Karthik Pandian, a film & video artist from Harvard, MA

Pete Quandt, a film & video artist from Queens, NY

Armin Rangani, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Gabriel Rhodes, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Yaara Sumeruk, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Kimi Takesue, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

Soetkin Verstegen, a film & video artist from Antwerp, Belgium

Alex Westfall, a film & video artist from Santa Monica, CA

Keith Wilson, a film & video artist from Athens, GA

Kohana Wilson, a film & video artist from Brooklyn, NY

COMPOSERS

Matt Barnson, a composer from New York NY

Eve Beglarian, a composer from New York, NY

Andrea Clearfield, a composer from Philadelphia, PA

Daniel Thomas Davis, a composer from Vestal, NY

John Fedchock, a composer from Astoria, NY

Daron Hagen, a composer from Rhinebeck, NY

A. Paul Johnson, a composer from Indianapolis, IN

Jason Kisare, a composer from Bridgewater, NJ

Martín Letelier, a composer from Cologne, Germany

Julia Moss, a composer from Los Angeles, CA

Esther Quansah, a composer from Brooklyn, NY

Victoria Shen, a composer from San Francisco, CA

Peter Shin, a composer from Kansas City, MO

Cecilia Smith, a composer from Brooklyn, NY

Mazz Swift, a composer from Brooklyn, NY

Steven Tran, a composer from Brooklyn, NY

Ceshia Ubau, a composer from Heredia, Costa Rica

Ania Vu, a composer from Claremont, CA

PERFORMANCE ARTISTS

Molissa Fenley, a performance artist from New York, NY

Amir Hall, a performance artist from New York, NY

Kathryn Hamilton, a performance artist from Averne, NY

John Kelly, a performance artist from New York, NY

Phoebe Legere, a performance artist from New York, NY

Carol Lipnik, a performance artist from New York, NY

Steven Melendez, a performance artist from Bronx, NY

Stuart Meyers, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Dael Orlandersmith, a performance artist from New York, NY

Annie-B Parson, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Alex Romania, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Matt Romein, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Danielle Russo, a performance artist from Ithaca, NY

Paul Singh, a performance artist from Jackson Heights, NY

Sarah Cameron Sunde, a performance artist from New York, NY

Antonio Vega, a performance artist from Mexico City, Mexico

Jennifer Waters, a performance artist from New York, NY

Sacha Yanow, a performance artist from Brooklyn, NY

Netta Yerushalmy, a performance artist from New York, NY

Sponsored Residencies

Sponsored residencies support Yaddo's mission by underwriting the cost of visits by creative artists. These residencies are underwritten both in perpetuity through an endowed fund, and annually, and reflect shared areas of interest such as artists' geographic origin, discipline, or focus.

ENDOWED RESIDENCIES

Elizabeth Ames Residency

Established in 2006 in honor of Yaddo's first executive director. **Molissa Fenley** was named the 2025 recipient.

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. **Masud Olufani** was named the 2025 recipient.

Stanley Bing Superb Owl Residency

Established in 2021 by the family of writer Gil Schwartz (aka Stanley Bing) in memory of his artistic gifts and commitment to helping other artists. This residency supports a writer, photographer or performer who possesses both wit and wisdom. **Mike Albo** was named the 2025 recipient.

Louise Bourgeois Residency

Established established in 1995 by Louise Bourgeois to support young sculptors. **Monroe Isenberg** was named the 2025 recipient.

Abigail Angell Canfield and Cass Canfield Jr. Residency for Writers

Established to support one writer, preferably from Latin America. **Eraldo Souza dos Santos** was named the 2025 recipient.

Eli Cantor Residency

Established in 1984 in honor of the Yaddo writer. **Sheri Fink** was named the 2025 recipient.

Linda Collins Endowed Residency for a Writer

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. **Nana-Ama Danquah** was named the 2025 recipient.

David Del Tredici Residency

Established by the Aaron Copland Fund for Music to support one American composer. **Eve Beglarian** was named the 2025 recipient.

Philip Guston and Musa McKim Residency

Established in 2004 by Musa Guston Mayer in honor of her parents to support a visual artist or poet. **Nina Cooke John** was named the 2025 recipient.

Curtis Harnack Residency

Established in 1984 in honor of the Yaddo writer and former president. **Steve Friedman** was named the 2025 recipient.

Dorothy and Granville Hicks Residency

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. **Gabe Spera** was named the 2025 recipient.

Patricia Highsmith-Plangman Residency

Established in 1995 by the late Patricia Highsmith, herself a Yaddo artist. **Helen Benedict** was named the 2025 recipient.

Jacob Lawrence Residency

Established in 2019 thanks to a generous bequest from our Board Member, the poet and memoirist, Richard McCann, to support and encourage Yaddo's commitment to diversity. **Leona Godin** was named the 2025 recipient.

LeSage-Fullilove Residency

Established in 2004 in honor of Dr. Alain LeSage and Dr. Roland (Jack) Fillilove to support a young or emerging writer of exceptional talent and promise. **Skyler Melnick** was named the 2025 recipient.

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ABOVE (clockwise): Masud Olufani, Anya Liftig, Molissa Fenley, Eraldo Souza dos Santos, Sam Feder, Christopher Kondrich, Nina Cooke John, Ania Vu (center)

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Residency

Established in 1990 by the MacArthur Foundation. **Tanya Selvaratnam** was named the 2025 recipient.

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Residency

Established in 1990 by the MacArthur Foundation. **Anya Liftig** was named the 2025 recipient.

Meredith S. Moody Residency

Established in 1997 by the Moody family for a female photographer in honor of the late Meredith S. Moody. **Sydney Mieko King** was named the 2025 recipient.

Carson McCullers Residency

Established in 2015 by Dr. Mary Mercer in honor of Carson McCullers for one artist at Yaddo. **Jonathan Lethem** was named the 2025 recipient.

Howard Moss Residency in Poetry

Established in 1991 in honor of the late poet and Yaddo board member. **Christopher Kondrich** was named the 2025 recipient.

The 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 residing in Texas. **Hannah Smith** was named the 2025 recipient.

Donald and Genie Rice Residency

Established in 2001 to reflect their commitment to supporting a film maker. **Sam Feder** was named the 2025 recipient.

George Rickey Residency

Established in 2000 to reflect commitment to supporting young visual artists. **Skip Brea** was named the 2025 recipient.

Alma B. C. Schapiro Residency for a Female Painter

Established by The M. A. Shapiro Fund in honor of the late painter Alma B. C. Schapiro. **Lisa Corrine Davis** was named the 2025 recipient.

Janet Sloane Residency

Established in 1996 by Alfred Z. Solomon in honor of his late sister, a member of Yaddo. **Lucy Sante** was named the 2025 recipient.

Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger Residency

Established by The New York Times Foundation in honor of Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger. **May-Lan Tan** was named the 2025 recipient.

The 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. **Werner Hoeflich** was named the 2025 recipient.

Sundell Residency for Special Assistants

Established by Nina Sundell in 2012 in honor of her late husband, and Yaddo's former president, Michael G. Sundell, to support up to four residencies annually for Special Assistants to the President working in any discipline. **Daniel Thomas Davis**, **Larry Krone**, **Lydia Martin**, and **Ricardo Nuila** were named the 2025 recipients.

Jane Adams Wait Residency

Established in 1996 by The Adirondack Trust Company to honor the dedication and service of Jane Wait to Yaddo in support of a composer or choreographer. **Steven Melendez** was named the 2025 recipient.

Wallace Foundation Residency

Established in 1983 by the Dewitt Wallace Fund/Reader's Digest Foundation. **Mary Gaitskill** was named the 2025 recipient.

White Flowers Residency for Composers

Established in 2001 by Chris Flowers and Mary White to support a composer. **Ania Vu** was named the 2025 recipient.

Bernard V. Winebaum Residency

Established in 1995 by the estate of the poet and visual artist Bernard V. Winebaum to support creative artists from New England. **Boomer Pinches** was named the 2025 recipient.

SINGLE-YEAR RESIDENCIES

Adams Residency for Composers

Established in 2017 by the Trustees and Governors of the Arthur F. and Alice E. Adams Charitable Foundation to support two composers at Yaddo in 2025. **Martín Letelier** and **Mazz Swift** were named the 2025 recipients.

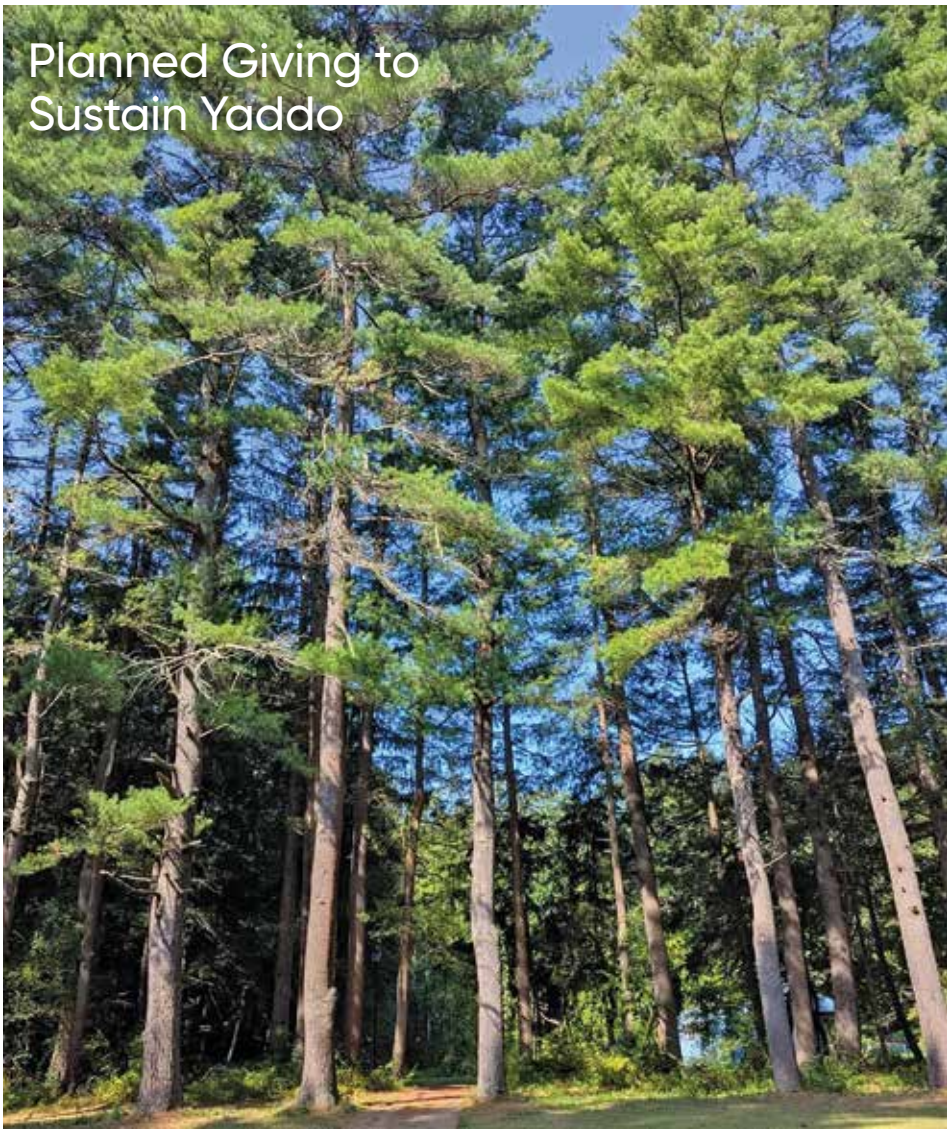
Martha Walsh Pulver Residency for a Poet

Established in 2001 by the family of Martha Walsh Pulver in her honor, to support a female poet. **Monica Youn** was named the 2025 recipient.

The Sendak/Glenn Narrative Illustration Residency

Established for one artist whose primary media is work on paper through the use of non-digital tools. **Lauren Weinstein** was named the 2025 recipient.

The Trask Society: A Legacy That Endures



Yaddo pines by visual artist Gwen Hardie, September 2025.

Katrina and Spencer Trask, our visionary founders, designated everything they had to future generations of artists, embodying their deep belief in creative freedom and the artistic process. Their legacy of civic duty, public service, and philanthropy left an indelible mark on the world. You can carry forward their commitment by making an estate gift or bequest, ensuring Yaddo remains a haven for artists for generations to come.

There are many ways to leave your legacy. Gifts of cash, securities, real estate, or personal property can be included in your will to benefit Yaddo.

To learn more about joining the Trask Society, please contact Kat Trippany, Director of Development, at ktrippany@yaddo.org. Thank you for supporting our mission and helping to shape the next century of creativity at Yaddo!

Trask Society Members

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Helene Aylon^
John Barrow
David Loren Bass
Leslee Becker^
Chana Bloch^
Susan Bokan
Theresa M. Boor^
Nancy Bowen
Daniel Brewbaker^
Jamie Brisick
Susan Brynteson^
J. Byrne^
Eli Cantor^
Marilyn Chin
William Claire
Jane M. Cooper^
Allen Davis^
Peter Davison^
Louis DeMattei
Katharina Denzinger^
Gary DuFour
Stephen Dunn^
Janice Eidus
Laurel Farrin
Lynn Freed^
Robert Garis^
Gail Gilliland
Amy Godine
Jane Goldberg
Morris Golde^
Julius Goldstein^
Peter C. Gould^
Julie Gross
Daron A. Hagen
Priscilla Haley^
Curtis Harnack^
Nanette Heiman^
Patricia Highsmith^
A.M. Homes
Colette Inez^
Cyrus Jabarzadeh
Madelyn Pulver Jennings
Buffie Johnson^
Beena Kamlani
Jane^ & Leslie^ Katz
Darra Keeton^
Beth Kissileff
Mary Alice Kremp^
Rosette Lamont^
Ingeborg Lauterstein^
Sharon Lerch
Maurice Alain LeSage^
Jan Heller Levi
Marshall and Debra Levin
Romulus Linney^
Guido A. Loyola^
Bernard Malamud^
Lenore Malen
Susan R. Malloy^
Alison Manheim
Adrianne Marcus^
Cleopatra Mathis
Richard McCann^
Susannah McCorkle^
Gardner McFall
Mark Meltzer
Mary Mercer^
Melissa Meyer
Rick Moody
John^ and Lee Nelson
Acosta Nichols^
Anne Palamountain^
Andras Petocz
Sidney Phillips^
Denise Polit ^
Nancy Potter^
Harold Reed^
Louise Reisman^
Donald S. Rice
Katherine Russell Rich^
Donald Richards^
Harvena Richter^
Leonard Roberts^
Thomas Rogers^
Jay Rogoff
Taney Roniger
Andrew Rudin
Jonathan Santlofer
Sapphire
Rudy Shackelford
Rachel Shteir
Eileen Simpson^
Alfred Z. Solomon^
Ronald L. Steel^
J. Jason Stewart
Jancey Stockly^
Nancy Sullivan^
Karen A. Sulzberger
Michael^ and Nina^ Sundell
Amy R. Tan
Elizabeth Thompson
Martha Tinker^
Patricia Towers
Anne Truitt^
Esteban Vicente^
Aileen Ward^
Gerald Weales^
George W.S. Wen
Anita Weschler^
Holly Woodward
Nancy Wilson-Ross Young^

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Yaddo Events

A Year of Connection, Creativity, and Celebration

In 2025, Yaddo gathered people around tables, on fairways, beneath garden trellises, and under city lights—each moment animated by the same belief: that artists need time, space, and community to create their most daring work. From literary conversations to large-scale celebrations, the year unfolded as a tapestry of encounters that brought audiences closer to the creative process. What emerged was not simply a calendar of events, but a living portrait of Yaddo as a place where imagination is nurtured and where the public is invited to enjoy, support, and celebrate the artists who shape our life.

Public Engagement

Public programming offered meaningful access to artists and ideas in ways that were both intimate and expansive. In February, Yaddo Presents welcomed author and editor **Beena Kamlani** to Northshire Bookstore for a lively reading from *The English Problem.* Beena reflected on the novel's creative arc, and on the enduring power of storytelling to bridge personal and political worlds.

Spring brought a series of gatherings that underscored the power of shared experience. At the Artists' Table, restaurateur and sommelier Dominick Purnomo curated a seasonal feast served in Yaddo's historic dining room, followed by a cross-disciplinary conversation with Grammy Award–winning producer Joel Moss about risk, collaboration, and creative trust. In Brooklyn, a Variations Dinner placed guests in close conversation with novelist **Sigrid Nunez**, whose reflections on friendship and loss reminded us how fiction illuminates the subtleties of human connection.

Summer expanded that spirit of engagement across Yaddo's grounds. The Nature of Art series invited more than 400 attendees to explore the interplay of place and practice through talks with Ian Berry, **Peter Cameron**, **Sarah Cameron Sunde**, and Elizabeth Beller. Wellness in the Gardens transformed Sunday mornings into spaces of reflection, renewal, and yoga. And when long-awaited sunshine finally arrived for Wine & Roses, nearly 300 guests gathered in joyful celebration, buoyed by music and the shared understanding that community—like art—often flourishes after a period of patience and perseverance.

September's Open House marked the largest public gathering of the year. More than 1,500 visitors, guided by over 100 volunteers, explored Yaddo's historic grounds and architecture. The afternoon was filled with curiosity and discovery, raising nearly double the funds of our previous Open House while reaffirming something more lasting: that Yaddo belongs not only to its artists, but to a wider community invested in art and preservation.

Fundraising for the Arts: Sustaining Creative Freedom

If public programs open the gates, fundraising ensures that the work inside continues. In 2025, supporters demonstrated extraordinary generosity—investing in artists' time, experimentation, and independence.

The Yaddo Golf Invitational at Saratoga National Golf Club brought together a spirited field of players and sponsors for a day defined by camaraderie and purpose. A hole-in-one contest—offering the chance to win a Volkswagen ID Buzz—sparked high hopes, while conversations across the course strengthened

THIS PAGE (top left): Variations Dinner with novelist Sigrid Nunez; (above): Wine & Roses in the Gardens.

(Left): Team Rockefeller, winners of the 2025 Yaddo Golf Invitational; (right), at podium: Amity Gaige, Jorge Donoso, Jennifer Egan and Michael R. Jackson.

relationships and introduced new champions for Yaddo's mission.

June's Summer Benefit welcomed more than 450 guests for an evening that blended archival storytelling with live performance.

Natalie Merchant

At its heart was *The Yaddo Letters*, featuring acclaimed singer-songwriter Natalie Merchant and actor **Oliver Wadsworth**, who gave voice to correspondence from Yaddo's records. Their performance illuminated the private doubts, ambitions, and breakthroughs of artists across generations. When Merchant returned to the stage for a live set, the room felt less like an audience and more like a collective tribute to artistic endurance. With record-breaking attendance and fundraising, the evening affirmed that philanthropy can be both joyful and deeply meaningful.

In October, the Yaddo Artist Medal celebration in New York City—an evening devoted to honoring artists whose lives and work embody creative brilliance, generosity of spirit, and a steadfast belief in the transformative power of art—became a luminous tribute to artistic courage and continuity. The night recognized choreographer **Sidra Bell** and visual artist **Jill Viney**, while offering a stirring posthumous tribute to **Langston Hughes**, whose words continue to shape American letters. Pulitzer Prize–winning playwright Lynn Nottage accepted the honor in his memory, reminding the audience that artistic legacy is not static—it is carried forward, reimagined, and renewed by each generation. A special 1940s edition of *The Yaddo Letters* unfolded as a living conversation across time, brought vividly to life by host **Michael R. Jackson** with Jorge Donoso, **Jennifer Egan**, and **Amity Gaige**—each performance braiding history and the present moment, illuminating how Yaddo remains both witness to, and catalyst for, the evolving American story.

Together, these events did more than meet financial goals. They safeguarded the conditions that make artistic breakthroughs possible: uninterrupted time, a community of peers, and the belief that art matters.

Yaddo Artist Reunion

In November, nearly 200 writers and artists gathered at Powerhouse Arena in Brooklyn for our strongest Reunion turnout to date. Offered free of charge to artists, the evening ensured that our alum could reconnect without financial barriers. Tacos from El Toro Rojo, desserts from Yaddo's kitchen, and a jubilant photo booth set the tone—but the true highlight was the reunion itself: old friends embracing, new collaborations imagined, stories exchanged across disciplines and generations.

Artists described it as "the best one yet," a testament to the care and continuity that define Yaddo's community. The Reunion reaffirmed that a residency does not end when an artist departs; it becomes part of an ongoing creative kinship.

Looking Forward

Across every gathering in 2025, one truth resonated: Yaddo is more than a residency. It is a living, evolving community where artists take risks, where audiences encounter ideas at their inception, and where supporters make creative freedom possible.

As we look ahead, we carry forward the momentum of this remarkable year—committed to fostering extraordinary work, honoring artistic achievement, and welcoming all who believe in the transformative power of art.

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2025 Selected Financial Information

For Fiscal Years Ending December 31, 2025 & 2024

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Assets

(Unrestricted & Temporarily Restricted Fund Classes)

	2025	2024
REVENUES AND GAINS		
Contributions		
Individuals	$672,969	$614,063
Estates & Bequests	$10,000	$126,665
Foundations & Corporations	$346,160	$226,625
Government Grants	–	$60,000
Events	$ 766,102	$603,817
Royalties	$269,669	$191,810
Application Fees	$67,297	$ 74,259
Income on Investments	$875,279	$746,323
Other	$ 122,397	$94,040
Subtotal	**$3,129,873**	**$2,737,603**
Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	$5,403,087	$3,118,413
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	**$8,532,959**	**$5,856,016**
EXPENSES		
Artistic Program Services	$3,118,399	$2,926,409
Administration and Development Services	$1,669,174	$1,500,835
Garden Expenditures	$100,093	$107,153
Total Expenses	**$4,887,666**	**$4,534,397**
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets*	**$3,645,294**	**$1,321,619**
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	**at 12/31/25**	**at 12/31/24**
Unrestricted Funds	$29,365,725	$26,512,465
Temporarily & Permanently Restricted Funds	$9,958,574	$8,538,872
Total Endowment Funds	**$39,324,299**	**$35,051,337**

** 2025 financials are unaudited*

The Yaddo Medal

For more than a century, the Yaddo Medal has recognized graduating seniors at Saratoga Springs High School whose achievements reflect academic excellence, character, and citizenship. The 2025 Yaddo Medal Awards were presented on June 25 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center during the Saratoga Springs High School graduation ceremony. This year's honorees, Anthony Sanchez and Ava Sanchez (no relation), exemplify the values at the heart of the Yaddo Medal—dedication, generosity of spirit, and a deep commitment to their communities.

Established in 1912 by Yaddo cofounder Katrina Trask, the award honors two students each year and is recognized as the school district's most prestigious student honor. Recipients are selected through a vote of the entire high school faculty.

Anthony Sanchez described receiving the Yaddo Medal as one of the highlights of his high school career. Awarded in front of friends and family, the moment filled him with pride and excitement. A dedicated student-athlete, Anthony balanced a demanding academic schedule with Division I swimming, while also finding time to play music with friends and explore New York City. He is now attending Fordham University, majoring in International Political Economy. His medal rests on his family's bookshelf, a daily reminder of the support and encouragement that shaped him.

Ava Sanchez and Anthony Sanchez

For Ava Sanchez, the announcement came as a complete surprise. Expecting the recipients to already be seated onstage, she was stunned when her name was called. The moment, she recalls, brought a profound sense of gratitude and reflection. Ava views the Yaddo Medal as a recognition of kindness, selflessness, and integrity. A strong student and dedicated athlete, she is passionate about the outdoors, science, music, and cooking. She is currently attending Siena University in Loudonville, pursuing a dual major in Biology and Education, with the goal of becoming a high school biology teacher.

The Yaddo Medal is created by Tiffany & Co., using a mold designed by Russian sculptor Victor Brenner, and has been endowed in perpetuity. More than a century after its founding, the award continues to honor students whose achievements and character reflect Yaddo's enduring belief in excellence, humanity, and the power of community.

Behind the Mic

Honoring Molly Haskell through stories that expand access, curiosity, and creative life

In 2025, Yaddo received an anonymous $25,000 gift made in honor of acclaimed author and critic **Molly Haskell**, a Yaddo writer in residence in 2007 and 2021. This generous contribution supports our podcast, *Shadow Yaddo*, as well as Yaddo Reads, our lending library and audio portal offering books by Yaddo authors to children and young adults.

A pioneering voice in film criticism and cultural analysis, Molly's groundbreaking books—including *From Reverence to Rape: The Treatment of Women in the Movies*; *My Brother My Sister*; and *Frankly, My Dear: Gone with the Wind Revisited*—have shaped generations of readers and thinkers. Her career spans criticism, teaching, curating, and public scholarship, and her enduring belief in access to transformative art continues to resonate deeply with Yaddo's mission.

This year, *Shadow Yaddo* hosted by Elaina Richardson brought listeners into wide-ranging conversations at the intersection of art, culture, and politics. Highlights included "Art Grows Out of Life," with composers **Paul Austerlitz** and **Daniel Thomas Davis** talking shop; "Scars on the Soul," with **John Kelly** and writer **Paul Lisicky** on Joni Mitchell; and "Everyone Is Using It," with writers **Meghan O'Rourke** and **Thomas Beller** on how writers are employing artificial intelligence.

Our Yaddo Reads lending library and audio portal continue to be popular among children and young adults in the Gardens at Yaddo. We are profoundly thankful for this tribute to Molly Haskell's legacy and for the support that helps us elevate creative voices and provides meaningful stories to listeners and young readers alike.

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