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- VCCA plans to establish a Cy Twombly Fellowship
- Cy Twombly was VCCA Fellow + Advisory Council Member

## CY TWOMBLY FOUNDATION AWARDS VCCA \$300,000



Cy Twombly in his Lexington, Virginia studio in 2010. Photo © Craig Pleasants

The Cy Twombly Foundation has awarded VCCA a \$300,000 grant. The grant will be used to establish a Cy Twombly Fellowship that will support residencies for artists in perpetuity.

Widely acknowledged to be the most important and influential artist of the last fifty years, Cy Twombly died in Rome on July 5, 2011. He was a VCCA Fellow and served on the VCCA Advisory Council for fifteen years. Mr. Twombly was the only American in history asked to do a permanent installation in the Louvre, the Salle de Bronzes ceiling, which was unveiled in March of 2010. Another VCCA Fellow, Barbara Crawford, worked with Cy to oversee and facilitate the actual painting.

“We will always remember the generosity Cy displayed as an artist,” said VCCA Program Director Craig Pleasants, “and now his legacy will help support the work of other artists long into the future.”

VCCA annually hosts 400+ exceptional artists, writers and composers who come for the sole purpose of pursuing their best creative work: from paintings to photography, books to plays, and songs to symphonies. VCCA Fellows have won nearly every major artistic distinction there is including Pulitzer Prizes, MacArthur “Genius Grants”, and National Book Awards.

“There is an amazing amount of work produced here,” explained Gregory Allgire Smith, executive director, “And generous donations like this one from the Cy Twombly Foundation help to ensure that this tremendous resource for artists will be here for generations to come.”

Nestled in Amherst County, Virginia, VCCA operates the largest international exchange program of any artists’ community in the nation, and is one of only three in the world with facilities on two continents: Mt. San Angelo in Amherst, Virginia, and Moulin à Nef in Auvillar, France.