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- **2 MAAF Creative Fellows 2010 announced**
- **Chuck Holdeman from Delaware**
- **Michael Downs from Maryland**
- **Each receives residency at VCCA plus \$250 travel expenses**



## **Chuck Holdeman and Michael Downs Win VCCA Residencies Thanks to Mid Atlantic Artists Foundation**

(AMHERST, VA)—Chuck Holdeman of Montchann, Delaware and Michael Downs of Baltimore, Maryland have been selected *MAAF Creative Fellows 2010*. Each will receive a two-week working retreat at VCCA (Virginia Center for the Creative Arts) so that they can concentrate exclusively on their creative work. The residencies of Chuck Holdeman and Michael Downs are made possible by a grant from Mid Atlantic Artists Foundation. In addition to their residency, each of the *MAAF Creative Fellows 2010* will receive \$250 for travel expenses.

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Amherst, Virginia, VCCA is one of the largest working retreats for artists in the nation. Open year round, VCCA provides meals, rooms and studios to select professional artists from around the world, hosting more than 350 individuals each year.

“The benefits of this generous grant extend beyond the artists themselves to include the entire art-going, concert-going, literature-reading populace of the mid-Atlantic who will be enriched by the productivity of these artists,” said VCCA Executive Director Suny Monk. A nonprofit organization founded in 1971, VCCA is supported by grants and private donations. Writers, composers and visual artists wishing to apply can go to [vcca.com](http://vcca.com) or call 434-946-7236.

Created in 1979 to encourage continued development of the arts and to support arts programs on a regional basis, the Mid Atlantic Artists Foundation is dedicated to growth and appreciation of the arts throughout the region, the nation and the world. Foundation programs encourage the creation of new works of art, promote new relationships and ideas within the performing arts community, build new audiences, advocate for the arts in education and connect the arts and artists of the mid-Atlantic region to the rest of the nation and the world.

The Mid Atlantic Artists Foundation of Baltimore, Md. awarded VCCA a grant to subsidize five writers, composers and visual artists from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the Virgin Islands in 2010.

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