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- **For 5<sup>th</sup> year, VCCA receives grant from Bama Works Fund**
- **Grant supports Charlottesville-Albemarle writers, composers and visual artists**
- **VCCA is one of nation's largest artist communities**
- **Next deadline for applying: 9-15-11**

## **Local Artists Receive Support From Bama Works Fund**

This is the fifth year Bama Works Fund of Dave Matthews Band in the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation (CACF) has generously awarded a gift to VCCA to help fund fellowships for Charlottesville-Albemarle area writers, composers and visual artists. The next deadline to apply for these fellowships is September 15, 2011.

Nestled in Amherst County, Virginia, VCCA annually hosts hundreds of writers, composers and visual artists from all over the world, but takes particular pride in supporting the wealth of talent in its home state. "This is especially true in our 40th year because VCCA began in Charlottesville," explained Suny Monk, executive director.

Scores of artists from the Charlottesville-Albemarle area have already enjoyed residencies at VCCA, thanks in part to the grants from Bama Works Fund. Their residencies range from two weeks to two months, and include private studios, bedrooms and all meals.

"When talented people have a creative space, a place where they can really focus on their work - sometimes 24-hours a day - it's amazing what they are able to accomplish," said Mrs. Monk.

VCCA Fellows have won nearly every major artistic distinction there is including the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award. For example, Kelly Cherry is the second VCCA Fellow named Virginia's Poet Laureate.

VCCA also operates the largest international exchange program of any artists' community in the nation. With the addition of the Moulin à Nef facility in Auvillar, France, five years ago, it is one of only three in the world with facilities on two continents.

The next application deadline is September 15, 2011. To apply, go to [vcca.com](http://vcca.com) or call 434-946-7236.

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