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- **VCCA receives grant from Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation**
- **Grant supports 5 artists from 4 states + Virgin Islands**
- **Recipients known as *MAAF Creative Fellows 2011***
- **Two to four week residencies at VCCA**
- **Now accepting applicants**

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Grant Supports Artists From Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the Virgin Islands

(AMHERST, VA)—The Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, has awarded a grant to subsidize writers, composers and visual artists from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the Virgin Islands. Recipients are awarded two-week to one-month fellowships to VCCA (Virginia Center for the Creative Arts), the internationally acclaimed working retreat nestled in at the foothills of Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. In addition to the grant, each recipient will receive \$250 for travel expenses.

Writers, composers and visual artists from these regions are encouraged to apply for an *MAAF Creative Fellow 2011* residency as a means of concentrating exclusively on their creative work. Applications are currently being accepted for residencies between June and September 2011 (postmarked application deadline is January 15, 2011) and for residences between October 2011 and January 2012 (postmark deadline is May 15, 2011).

One of the nation's largest and best-known artists' communities, VCCA is a year round working retreat, providing meals, rooms and studios to selected professional artists from around the world, hosting more than 350 individuals each year. VCCA Fellows include mature artists of noteworthy achievement and promising younger and mid-career artists. VCCA Fellows have received international attention through publications, exhibitions, compositions and performances, and have received numerous awards including the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award, plus Academy Award nominations and Guggenheim and National Endowment for the Arts grants.

Created in 1979 to encourage continued development of the arts and to support arts programs on a regional basis, the Mid Atlantic Arts 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.

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