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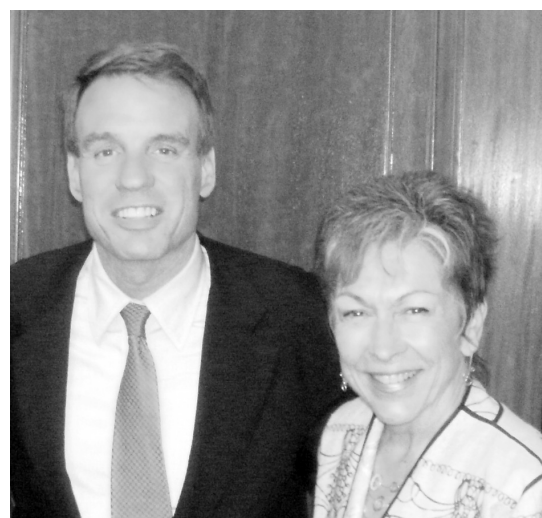
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- **Events to be held in New York, Virginia and France**
- **VCCA one of largest artists' communities in nation**

## Senator Mark R. Warner is Honorary Chair for VCCA 40th Anniversary Celebrations

Senator Mark R. Warner and Lisa D. Collis will be the Honorary Chairs for a series of events celebrating the 40th Anniversary of VCCA (Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.) The events will be held in New York, Richmond, Charlottesville, & Amherst Virginia, as well as in Auvillar, France.

Suny Monk, executive director of VCCA, said, "We are absolutely thrilled that Senator Warner is joining VCCA for this important milestone."



*Senator Mark Warner and VCCA Executive Director Suny Monk*

Nestled in Amherst County, Virginia, VCCA is one of the largest communities for writers, composers and visual artists in the United States. Every year, over 350 come from all across America and around the globe to work on books, plays, paintings, sculpture and music. The fruit of their labor is in libraries, bookstores, theaters, galleries and concert halls from Virginia to New York to California to Europe. They have won just about every prestigious award, including the Pulitzer Prize and the MacArthur "Genius Grant".

The 40th Anniversary Celebrations are dedicated to the members of the VCCA Advisory Council: Samuel H. Adler, David Del Tredici, Rita Dove, Teresita Fernandez, Gregory Maguire, Harper Lee, Sally Mann, Alice McDermott, Claes Oldenburg, William Jay Smith, CyTwombly, Naomi Wolf and David Weiss.

Proceeds from VCCA's 40th anniversary events will support the ongoing development of internationally award-winning composers, writers and artists.

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