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Arlington Arts Center awarded Warhol grant for next two years Emerging artists, original exhibitions funded

ARLINGTON, VA - Arlington Arts Center (AAC), a prominent cultural anchor in the mid-Atlantic region, based in Arlington, VA has been awarded a \$70,000 grant from the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts intended to sustain the next two years of exhibitions and concurrent programming.

Funding from the Foundation will increase AAC's capacity to support and present the work of new artists and spur the development of new initiatives and exhibitions. Programming support of this scale makes it possible to an emerging curators spotlight like [Instigate. Activate. | new curators, new ideas](#) while also furthering the ongoing work of the arts center.

AAC plans to use these funds to enhance the presentation of exhibitions, provide stipends to exhibiting artists, and produce educational materials like digital catalogs and printed brochures, all of which offer a career-shaping experience for the emerging artists who are exhibited at AAC.

Along with existing programs like AAC's semi-annual [SOLOS](#), a series that gives seven artists the opportunity to mount solo exhibitions alongside one another, the Foundation will support original exhibitions featuring the work of more than 70 contemporary artists. Additional shows include [PLAY](#) (opening July 2015), an exhibition that explores the role of play and gaming in contemporary art, and *Creature Connection* and *Strange Landscapes* (both slated for 2016).

"To be recognized this way speaks volumes about the talent of the artists and the quality of the exhibitions happening here," said Stefanie Fedor, executive director of AAC. "We're so thrilled to be a hub where artists can push boundaries and experiment with concepts and media. It's an honor to be recognized by such a prestigious national funder like the Warhol Foundation and to be counted among one of many high caliber grantees."

The Warhol Foundation is considered to be the leading contemporary art grant-maker in the country, and serves contemporary artists by funding institutions like AAC, whose purpose revolves around supporting the creation and presentation of new work by emerging artists. AAC's mission is to create opportunities for artists to make new work in a variety of media ranging from new media, sculpture, installation, performance art, and more.

Funding is based on specific projects, and distributed to institutions determined by the Foundation to produce exemplary exhibitions of contemporary visual arts. AAC is the only organization in the Commonwealth of Virginia to be in the Foundation's 2014 grant-awarding season.

About Arlington Arts Center:

AAC's exhibitions and their attendant lectures, workshops, and panel discussions offer opportunities for dialogue, and ultimately serve to illustrate the value of contemporary art —specifically, what it is, how it works, and why it matters in our daily lives. Established in 1974, Arlington Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit contemporary visual arts center dedicated to presenting and supporting new work by regional artists. Through exhibitions, educational programs, and subsidized studio spaces, AAC serves as a bridge between artists and the community. AAC is housed in the historic Maury School, and boasts nine exhibition spaces, working studios for thirteen artists, and three classrooms. At 17,000 square feet, AAC is one of the largest non-federal venues for contemporary art in the Washington DC metropolitan area. For more information, visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703.248.6800. **Gallery Hours:** Wednesday - Sunday, 12 - 5 pm, or by appointment



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