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## **Artspace Receives Prestigious \$80,000 Grant from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts to Support Artists and Exhibitions**

**RALEIGH, NC – February 6, 2025** – Artspace is proud to announce that it has been awarded an \$80,000 Multi-year Program Support grant from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. This distinguished grant will provide critical support for Artspace's commitment to building the careers of artists through professional development, exhibitions, artistic programming, and financial support. The funding will directly support rotating exhibitions in three gallery spaces and its artist-in-residence programs, including the year-long North Carolina Emerging Artist Residency, the year-long HBCU Alumni Artist Residency, and the short-term Universal Access Artist Residency.

"In a time when artists face unprecedented challenges, the acknowledgement and support from The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts allows us to continue empowering artists to create and innovate," said Carly Jones, President & CEO of Artspace. "For 38 years, Artspace has been at the forefront of providing artists with the resources they need to develop their work and share it with the world."

Artspace is one of 47 visual arts organizations across 21 states to receive funding this cycle. The Warhol Foundation's \$4.1 million in grants highlights its commitment to sustaining the arts and empowering artists and arts organizations to foster resilience, creativity, and meaningful engagement with their communities.

"The precarious nature of our current world reinforces our resolve to be steadfast in our support of artists and their communities," said Joel Wachs, President of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. "The Warhol Foundation believes that artists and the institutions that support them make invaluable contributions to our culture. Supporting these organizations ensures that they can continue to nurture creativity and resilience and to amplify the voices of artists."

With this grant, Artspace will expand its artist residency programs, strengthening pathways for artists at all stages of their careers:

- **The North Carolina Emerging Artist Residency** provides early-career artists with dedicated time, space, and mentorship to develop their work.
- **The HBCU Alumni Artist Residency** uplifts recent graduate artists from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, ensuring their voices and perspectives are represented in the broader arts landscape.
- **The Universal Access Artist Residency** fosters inclusivity by supporting artists with disabilities, providing accommodations and tailored resources to meet their needs.

“This funding will directly impact artists by giving them the time, space, support, and resources to push their practices forward,” said Annah Lee, Creative Director of Artspace. “This grant ensures that we can continue to host inspirational exhibitions while providing essential assistance, opportunities and programs, which strengthen our community of artists who are redefining what’s possible in the field.”

### **Join the Artspace Artist Community**

If you'd like to be part of our Artspace artist community, we currently have two national calls for art open! Visit our website to learn more:

[<https://artspacenc.org/calls-for-art/>](<https://artspacenc.org/calls-for-art/>).

### **About The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts**

Following Andy Warhol’s will, the mission of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is the advancement of the visual arts. The foundation manages an innovative and dynamic grants program while also preserving Warhol’s legacy through creative and responsible licensing policies and extensive scholarly research for ongoing catalogue raisonné projects. To date, the foundation has given nearly \$300 million in cash grants to over 1,000 arts organizations around the country and abroad and has donated 52,786 works of art to 322 institutions worldwide.

### **About Artspace**

Artspace is a non-profit visual arts center in downtown Raleigh dedicated to supporting artists through accessible studio space, artist residencies, exhibitions, and educational programming. Artspace serves as a hub for artistic innovation, fostering a vibrant creative community where artists and audiences connect through the power of visual art. Artspace provides opportunities for artists at all stages of their careers, with a focus on professional development, creative experimentation, and public engagement.

To learn more, visit [[artspacenc.org](https://artspacenc.org/)](<https://artspacenc.org/>).

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