

# ART PAPERS

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## **Art Papers Receives South Arts Resilience Fund Grant Funded by South Arts and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation**

**ATLANTA, GA** -- October 15, 2020 -- Art Papers today announced that it is a recipient of a South Arts Resilience Fund grant. With support from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the South Arts Resilience Fund is supporting new, region-specific activities to build the long-term resiliency of arts organizations battling the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Art Papers is honored to be 1 of 34 grant recipients of the South Arts Resilience Fund,” says Saskia Benjamin, Art Papers Executive Director. “What makes this fund so special is that in contrast to other funds dealing with the immediate impacts of COVID-19 on organizations, the South Arts Resilience Fund asked organizations to look further towards the future, to define what resiliency means for them both through and beyond the pandemic.”

Art Papers will use its \$30,000 grant to develop a multi-year diversified fundraising strategy that will address the organization’s systemic resource needs, enabling it to emerge on the other side of COVID-19 a stronger and more resilient organization, better able to fulfill its mission and serve its diverse audience.

Through the South Arts Resilience Fund, significant grants ranging from \$30,000 to \$100,000 and totaling \$1.674 million have been made available to 34 small- and mid-sized arts organizations across 9 states with a history of visionary leadership and impact.

“These organizations represent a cross-section of the creativity vital to our region,” said Susie Surkamer, CEO and president of South Arts. “Their work impacts artists and audiences across their respective states, the region, and the nation. These awards will allow them to reimagine their work in the face of the pandemic, and emerge stronger than before.”

This fund, managed by South Arts, is part of the United States Regional Arts Resilience Fund supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

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**Link to More Information about the South Arts Resilience Fund:**

<https://www.southarts.org/news/south-arts-awards-167m-resilience-funding-arts-organizations-across-region>

**About Art Papers:**

Atlanta-based and globally engaged, Art Papers serves the creative community and the culturally curious by expanding the dialogue around contemporary art and culture, exploring the ways they affect and reflect human experience. They do this in print, online, and through public programming. <https://www.artpapers.org/>

**About South Arts:**

Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, South Arts is a nonprofit regional arts organization empowering artists, organizations, and communities, and increasing access to arts and culture. In partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the State Arts Agencies of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee — with additional funding from other public and private donors such as the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation — South Arts supports artists and organizations through a rich and responsive portfolio of grants, fellowships, and programs. <https://www.southarts.org/>

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