Who We Are
Artpace San Antonio opened in 1995 and has since become one of the world’s premier artist residency programs. Artist, collector, and philanthropist Linda Pace founded Artpace as a creative laboratory to support the vision and professional growth of regional, national, and international artists. Over the past 25 years, the success of Artpace’s International Artist-in-Residence program, together with annual exhibitions and public and educational programming, has placed Artpace at the forefront of the local and regional arts and cultural sphere and has impacted artists and arts communities around the world.

We Make Art Happen
Artpace’s core program is the International-Artist-in-Residence program. Since its inception, Artpace has welcomed three groups of three artists annually, each including one Texas-based, one national, and one international artist. Artists live and create new work at Artpace for eight weeks while engaging the San Antonio community through public programs. Then, Artpace exhibits their works for two months at the conclusion of their residencies. In all, Artpace has hosted 254 artists from 38 countries, offering unparalleled studio and staff support, production budgets, and living stipends. Our alumni roster includes artists that are making an impact around the globe. Sixty-two residents have received prestigious art awards, including four Turner Prizes and five Turner Prize nominations, and our artists have made 82 appearances at the Venice Biennale and Whitney Biennial. Most importantly, countless alumni have expressed that their time at Artpace was invaluable and pivotal, both personally and professionally.
Engaging Our Community

In addition to its residency program, Artpace offers multiple curated exhibitions, which are complemented by programming to enrich our audience’s experience of the artists and their work. Programs include exhibition tours, artists and curator talks, community collaborations, artist workshops, and an Artpace book club. These programs and our extensive digital archives of past exhibitions and programs are always available and free to the public. In fact, Artpace remains one of the only arts organizations in San Antonio that is admission-free and open to the public seven days a week.

Why We Need Your Help

Prior to her death, Linda Pace provided Artpace with significant annual funding for a period of 20 years. Over the years, in response to the popularity and impact of our mission, Artpace’s programs and its annual operating budget has grown to three times its annual income from Linda’s bequest, with additional funding provided by local, state, and federal grants, private foundations, and generous individuals and corporations. As we approach the sunset of Linda’s commitment, Artpace must accelerate its fundraising efforts to extend its reach, increase its base of support, and secure major and legacy gifts to ensure the future of its programs.

With this in mind, the Board of Directors celebrated Artpace’s 25th anniversary by making the transformative decision to establish an Artist Residency Endowment Fund to support the residency program in perpetuity. In addition, the board seeded the endowment with generous commitments from individual board and emeritus members as well as alumni artists.

We are proud to have stewarded Linda’s vision and her gift to San Antonio for the past 25 years and are committed to securing its future. To do this, we must grow the Artist Residency Endowment and secure Artpace programs through Named Gifts to support our organization through the impending funding gap and into the future.

As we begin the initial stages of our endowment outreach, we would love to share more information about Artpace, its programs, and the many ways you can help ensure that Artpace continues to meet its mission of supporting artists and providing unparalleled access to contemporary art, artists, and global art experiences for the next quarter-century and future generations.

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