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- **Lee Woodman awarded VCCA Fellowship**
- **One of 22 Fellows in residence at a time**
- **VCCA one of world's most prestigious artist communities**

Lee Woodman Awarded Fellowship by VCCA

(Amherst, VA) – Lee Woodman of Rhinebeck, NY, has been awarded a fellowship by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA). Lee Woodman will be among approximately 22 Fellows focusing on their own creative projects at this working retreat for writers, visual artists, and composers.

VCCA is a unique Virginia-based organization of national stature and international impact. One of the largest year-round artist residency programs, VCCA typically hosts over 400 artist-Fellows annually at its Mt. San Angelo facility in Amherst, VA and 50 annually at the Moulin à Nef in Auvillar, France. VCCA has been a wellspring of music, literature, and the visual arts, providing residencies for artists during the most important and the least supported phase of their work--the creative phase.

A typical residency ranges from two weeks to two months. Each artist is provided with a private bedroom, a private studio and three prepared meals a day. This distraction-free atmosphere, as well as the energy that results from having some 22 creative people gathered in one place, enable artists to be highly productive.

The artists who come to VCCA, whether emerging or established, are selected through competitive peer review on the basis of the important or innovative work they are doing in their respective fields. Since its founding in 1971, VCCA has hosted over 6,000 writers, visual artists, and composers. VCCA Fellows have received worldwide attention including MacArthur fellowships, Pulitzer Prizes, Guggenheim fellowships, National Endowment for the Arts awards, the National Book Award, Grammy Awards, and Academy Award nominations.

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