

## Kresge Foundation, CCS to award Detroit area artists' creative talents

Visual, performing and literary artists throughout metropolitan Detroit are about to be honored with a half-million dollars in award money each year through an extraordinary new initiative called Kresge Arts in Detroit.

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Kresge Arts in Detroit, funded by the Troy-based Kresge Foundation, has three facets: Kresge Artist Fellowships, Kresge Eminent Artist Award and Kresge Arts Support. The Artists Fellowships and Eminent Artist Award seek to support artists by providing up to \$500,000 to those living in Detroit's tri-county area. The College for Creative Studies has been selected to administer the Kresge Artist Fellowships and the Kresge Eminent Artist Award.

A 19-person Advisory Council comprised of leaders from a variety of cultural institutions in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties will select panels of local, regional and national artists and art professionals who will choose the recipients of the Artist Fellowships and the Eminent Artist Award.

Candidates for the awards will be emerging and established artists with a track record of professional involvement and artistic contribution to the community. Applicants must be residents of the tri-county area and have lived in the Detroit area for a minimum of two years. Each year, 18 Artist Fellowships of \$25,000 each will be awarded and one \$50,000 Eminent Artist Award will be presented.



The Kresge Foundation works in seven fields of interest: health, the environment, community development, arts and culture, education, human services and international. It has three major programs – the Health Program, the Environment Program and the Detroit Program. Kresge Arts in Detroit is one part of the Detroit Program's five-part strategy to strengthen the city's neighborhoods, revitalize the downtown, promote the regional economy, protect and enhance the region's environment and natural resources, and support a thriving arts and culture community through Kresge Arts in Detroit.

A call for applications for the 18 Fellowships in the visual arts will be announced this fall with information and applications available online at [www.kresgeartsindetroit.org](http://www.kresgeartsindetroit.org). The visual arts Fellowships will be awarded in June 2009 and

in odd years after. Fellowships in the performing and literary arts will be awarded in 2010 and in even years after. The first Eminent Artist Award will be announced in December.

Visual Arts include painting, sculpture, installation, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, fiber, film/video, glass, metalwork, new media, and interdisciplinary work. Performing Arts include all genres of music composition, theatre, performance art, dance, and interdisciplinary work. Literary Arts include fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry, interdisciplinary work, and art criticism of all disciplines.