

# Sow a vibrant arts and creative sector in RI. Become a Seed Investor.

"Artists, arts organizations and small creative businesses act as increasingly important drivers for the Rhode Island economy. They are incredibly valuable in our state. RI CFA is critically important in raising awareness for this sector."

-- **Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts**

"RI Foundation believes that strong advocacy efforts are essential to advance issues that are valuable and important in the State. The arts are no exception, and RI CFA has more than proven they can take on the advocacy challenge. They have demonstrated great leadership and success in the short time we have supported them."

-- **Daniel Kertzner, RI Foundation**

"I'm excited to see how RI CFA considers the creative community as small businesses. Their progressive tactics in advocating for this group has proven successful and will surely continue to raise awareness for this important part of our economy. I look forward to supporting their goal of cultivating a strong creative industry sector and securing the vibrancy that we have in this State."

-- **Steve Durkee, Cornish Associates**

Join the Effort -  
Become a Citizen for the Arts!

Rhode Island Citizens for the Arts is the statewide arts advocacy organization.

We organize and educate citizens around initiatives that strengthen the creative communities in RI.

In building advocacy coalitions and empowering a network of advocates throughout the State, we affect positive change for the arts and creative sector in progressive and grassroots ways.



Building Coalition to Advance Rhode Island's Creative Communities

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## 2010: Success through Presence and Tools Sustaining and Positioning...

- **SPEARHEADED, LOBBIED AND WON** the full reinstatement arts funding and programs through RI State Council on the Arts. We led the fight, organized advocates, set up strategic meetings with legislators, testified at hearings and ultimately, recouped the 58% cut proposed by Governor Carcieri, that would have eliminated all state arts grant funds, the 1% public arts program and the film tax credit. **Success in 2010!**
- Educated and empowered over 2500 advocates in Rhode Island through our new Advocacy Toolkit and Trainings which were developed with the help of a national strategist for cause-related advocacy.
- Briefed all Gubernatorial candidates on the impact of the creative sector and presented the RI CFA 2010 Gubernatorial Policy Initiatives.
- Delivered the candidates' views on the arts and creative sector throughout the campaign season through video interviews, forums and one-on-one meetings.

- *Our 5-Year Strategy.* RI CFA's "Sustaining the Arts in Rhode" is our guiding document covering policies and strategies that will advance the arts and creative sector. Our vision is to increase RI's economic, social and civic success through major investment in our creative community.
- *Build, organize and educate advocates.* RI CFA needs your voice to reach our goal of becoming 2,000 members strong. We promise to engage our advocates through events, workshops, coalitions and networks.
- *The Creative Sector.* It's the glass blower, theatrical performer, industrial designer, architect, and innovator. The "creative sector" includes non-profit arts organizations, for-profit creative businesses, individual artists, and creative entrepreneurs. With you, RI CFA will position the creative sector as a leader in stimulating growth in our state.

## Our Goals; Your Investment Vision and Direction...



Please cut here and return bottom portion with check payable to RI Citizens for the Arts.

## YES! I want to become a Seed Investor in RI Citizens for the Arts.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Add to email alerts?  Yes  No

Please call me so that I may use my credit card.

Please keep my contribution anonymous.

\$500 Instigator  \$2500 Ambassador

\$1000 Steward  \$5000 Champion

I am happy to support RI CFA at this level: \$\_\_\_\_\_

I understand RI CFA needs sustainable funding to advance the creative sector. I commit to invest in RI CFA for the next three years:

Yes, I look forward to sustaining this work.

Not at this time, but please ask me again next year.

Total contribution: \$\_\_\_\_\_

\*Due to the political nature of our work, contributions are not tax deductible at this time.

## THANK YOU!