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Tiffany Trent is named Goldfarb Family Fellow in Non-Fiction by the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts

Tiffany Trent of Blacksburg, VA, has been named the Goldfarb Family Fellow in Non-fiction for 2003 at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA). The fellowship established by author and literary agent Ronald Goldfarb fully supports one non-fiction writer a year for a two-week residency at the VCCA. The VCCA is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in rural Virginia. Tiffany Trent will be in residence with approximately twenty other artists focusing on their own creative projects at this working retreat for visual artists, writers and composers.

A typical residency ranges from two weeks to two months. An artist is provided with a comfortable private bedroom, a private studio, and three prepared meals a day. Beyond the breakfast hour and the dinner hour, there are no schedules or obligations. This distraction-free atmosphere, as well as the energy that results from having twenty artists, writers, and composers gathered in one place, enables artists to be highly productive.

Serving over three hundred artists a year (over 2,500 since its inception), the VCCA is one of the nation's largest year-round artists' communities. VCCA Fellows have received worldwide attention through publications, exhibitions, compositions, performances, and major awards and accolades, including MacArthur grants, Pulitzer Prizes, Guggenheim fellowships, National Endowment for the Arts awards, Rome Prizes, Pollock-Krasner grants, National Book Awards, Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, and Academy Award nominations. The VCCA has been a wellspring of music, literature and the visual arts in the United States, providing residencies for artists from all disciplines during the most important and the least supported phase of their work: the creative phase. This is done by giving visual artists, writers, composers, performance artists, filmmakers, collaborating artists, and those whose work crosses disciplines the crucial elements every artist needs—the time and space to do their work.