Andrew Ross, “Blountstown,” archival pigment print, 2007

through the lens

2020–2021
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Broadway is dark. Concert halls are closed. Art galleries have been shuttered. Dance performances canceled — the list is endless. The Covid-19 pandemic has taken a terrible toll on the arts and its performers, artists, costumers, designers and the attendant industries.

What about the arts here at Radford University? Will we have the pleasure of seeing our talented students work in an art exhibit, fashion show, dance, music or theatre performance? Of course we will! They won’t necessarily be in the same form as we’re used to. Be assured, though, that the best creative minds (our CVPA faculty!) are working tirelessly to make sure our students receive the best education, which, of course, includes excellent visual and performance experiences. Who knows what ingenious methods they will devise? I am excited to see what will transpire.

That’s where you come in and play your part! Please consider joining or re-joining the Arts Society at Radford University. Your donation helps create scholarships that support the talented students in the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Many students try to earn money for college during the summer, but the pandemic has prevented much of that, too. Now, more than ever, our students need our help.

Please partner with me in sending your donation to the Arts Society! You will have the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped Radford University students flourish as they strive to attain their dreams of becoming professionals in their chosen fields.

Thank you!

Kathleen Harvey Harshberger
Chair, Arts Society
At Radford University, we are committed to cultivating an inspiring educational environment in which students experience a wide variety of high-impact learning opportunities, such as study abroad, internships, practicums and exposure to guest artists.

Guest artists bring talent, knowledge and wisdom to campus and work alongside students and faculty. This year we shine a light on our vibrant guest artist program because we have a special challenge grant!

**Former Assistant Professor of Photography Andrew Ross has challenged us to double the guest artist fund. He will match your gift, dollar for dollar!**

“When I established the guest artist fund, I wanted it to reach across all of the arts represented by the College of Visual and Performing Arts. To me, there is so much potential for cross-pollination among the many arts disciplines, as evidenced by students who double-major, major and minor, or just take a few classes among the five departments of CVPA. I believe growing this fund will help it better achieve this goal. And, I hope other patrons of Radford’s wonderful variety of visual and performative arts will agree,” Ross said.
Sophomore music major Hudson Crowe of Salem, Virginia, said of working with Italian pianist Gloria Campaner, “Bringing in guest artists is something that drastically changes my experience at Radford …The ability for us to bring in exceptional educators and musicians from all walks of life — and the other side of the world — is something that I value immensely.”

Students like Morgan Davis, a junior dance major from Midlothian, Virginia, have life-changing experiences with guest artists at Radford. “A guest artist lights a fire when they come in the classroom,” Davis said, “and that fire stays lit for the rest of the time you are at Radford University. Once the guest artist leaves, we still go back to the lessons they taught and the information they gave us. Having a guest artist come on campus is such a privilege, a privilege that every student at Radford should experience.”

Sophomore music major Hudson Crowe

### About the Arts Society

The Radford University Arts Society is an annual giving society that recognizes and celebrates our most loyal College of Visual and Performing Arts supporters. For more than 30 years, the Arts Society has supported creativity, award-winning talent, student and faculty performances, community outreach and student scholarship.

Make your Arts Society gift today to join this esteemed group of loyal arts supporters!

Your gift of any amount to any department, scholarship or initiative within CVPA earns you recognition in our Arts Society.* Members of the Arts Society are recognized for their prior year’s cumulative giving to CVPA. To be recognized as a member of the Arts Society in 2021-2022, please make your Arts Society gift to CVPA today!

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Similarly, said Reghan Cutler, a junior theatre major from Bedford, Virginia, “When I think of my professors at Radford, I think of people [who] are invested in my future and success. When professors bring in guest artists, it reaffirms that they want us to learn as much as we can to ensure success in our futures. All the guest artists that I have learned from also express that they want us to be as well prepared as we can be for our future job field. Through these experiences, I have not only gained a lot of knowledge but even more respect for my amazing professors.”

Choreographer and master teacher Darrell Grand Moultrie had a profound impact on students. Sophomore dance major Daria Gilbert of Manassas, Virginia, said, “Darrell helped push me to my fullest potential, movement-wise and confidence-wise. He inspired everyone involved to reach even further than their farthest boundaries.” Moultrie repaid the compliment: “Radford students [have] such a positive spirit; they [are] committed to one another and their craft. They [are] dedicated to working through problems together and encouraging each other through tough spots. It was a gift for me to be with them and share my original piece with these talented artists.”

These student experiences are made possible because of the generosity of donors like Andrew Ross. As he says, “Radford University has a unique position in Southwest Virginia and the region to place the performing and visual arts at the forefront of a liberal arts education. Bringing top-notch artists to enrich the student and community experience will raise the profile of the University and attract more students who want to participate in that experience.”
Please support the Andrew W. Ross Visiting Artist Legacy Fund to increase the size of our guest artist program. All gifts to this fund are matched dollar for dollar, doubling the impact!

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“[The guest artist] experience impacted my student experience at Radford by showing me all the opportunities Radford University has to offer. It validated my decision to come here. I will forever be grateful for everything Radford University has done for me to further my education as not only a student but as a successful person in society.”

Morgan Davis