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RPAC Seeking Applicants for 2019 Gerald King Fine Arts Award (GKFAA) Study Grant

Riverdale Park, MD -- The Riverdale Park Arts Council (RPAC) is seeking applicants to compete for the 2019 Gerald King Fine Arts Award (GKFAA) grant. The applications will be judged on the basis of overall artistic talent and originality of their work. Applications must be submitted by **May 27, 2019**.

Applications and information can be found on the RPAC website:
<http://www.rpartscouncil.org> or by emailing GKArtAward@gmail.com.

The winning finalist earns an art grant of \$500 to pay for the purchase of oils, canvasses and essential art equipment to complete the training and a one-year membership in the art nonprofit, the *Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance*, with rights to participate in local art exhibits. For further information on HCAA, please visit **HCAAonline.org**.

The winning finalist will study with master artist, Bruce I. Campbell, for weekly sessions beginning January 9 through June 18, 2020.

The Review Panel will be comprised of professional artists currently working out of the King Studio and/or former GKFAA Award Recipients. It was King's dream that young artists be trained in art from his private studio in Riverdale Park, MD.

King was a unique and brilliant artist and said of himself, " I'm not sure when I became a conceptualist, but it could have been while I was contemplating a figure on a billboard and made the realization that it was not a real person. I was very small, and I remember repeating to myself over and over, 'I am real. That is a picture.' I was so taken with this perceptual reasoning that a picture was an illusion of reality that my art became an excuse for experiments to create convincing illusions of reality. From that time on, the course was clear, that my art would be a quest for believability."

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