

# major art organizations launch relief fund for artists impacted by LA wildfires

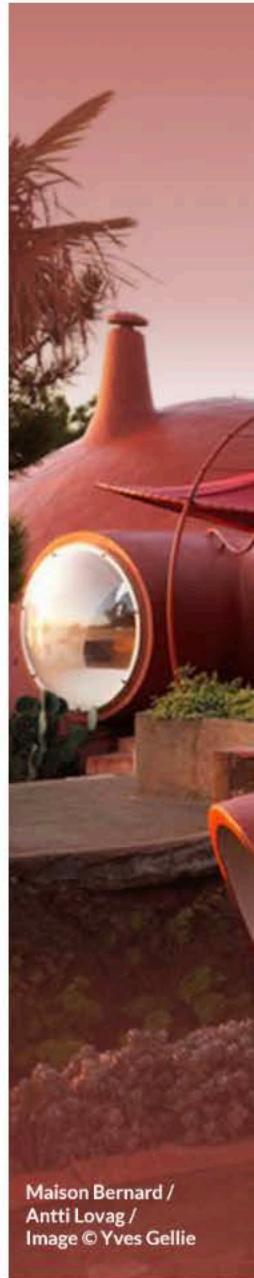
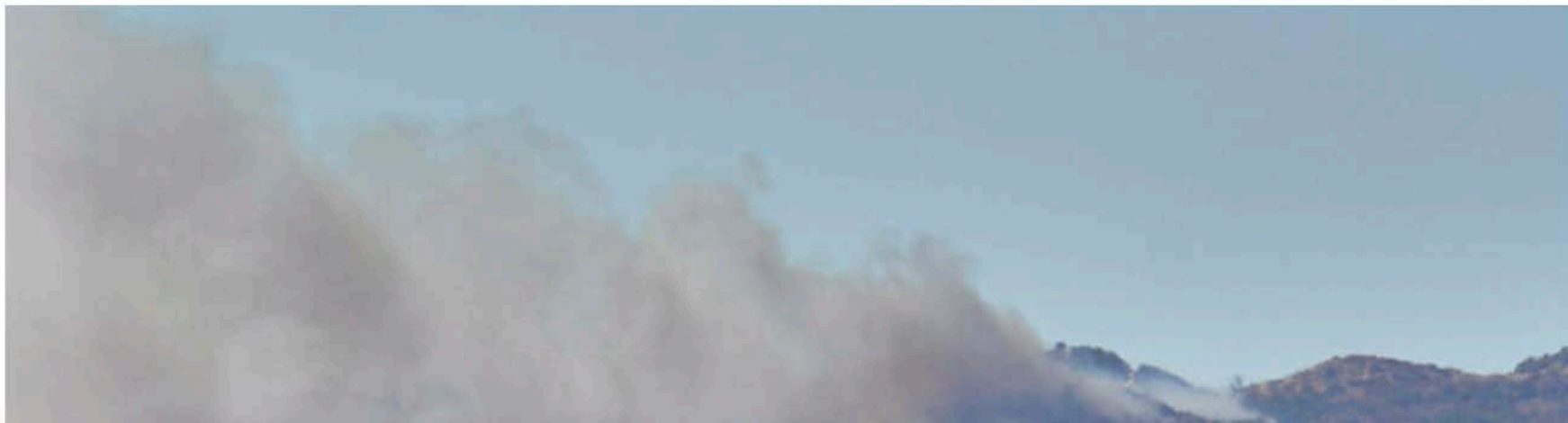
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## J. PAUL GETTY TRUST CREATES LA FIRE RELIEF FUND SUPPORTING ARTISTS

The J. Paul Getty Trust, in partnership with major **Los Angeles** art organizations, philanthropists, and global institutions, announces the LA Arts Community Fire Relief Fund. The \$12 million initiative aims to support artists and arts workers impacted by the devastating fires sweeping through the Pacific Palisades (find designboom's previous coverage [here](#)). Administered by the Center for Cultural Innovation, the fund provides emergency relief to individuals in the creative sector who have lost their homes, studios, or livelihoods.

The coalition includes the Mohn Art Collective—comprising the Hammer Museum, LACMA, and MOCA—as well as East West Bank, the Mellon Foundation, the Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Qatar Museums, the Ford Foundation, and numerous other organizations. Also, the growing list of contributors includes the Steven Spielberg/The Hearst Foundation, the Broad Art Foundation, **Gagosian**, and Hauser & Wirth who have joined forces to expand the fund. *'The LA Arts Community Fire Relief Fund expands on the emergency arts funding infrastructure and networks built during the pandemic,'* notes **Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation**. *'The moment demands strengthened collaboration, and we invite fellow funders to join us in growing this vital initiative to support all impacted artists.'*



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## RAPID SUPPORT INITIATIVE FOR LOS ANGELES'S ARTS COMMUNITY

Starting January 20, 2025, LA-based artists and arts workers from all disciplines can **apply** for emergency grants through the J. Paul Getty Trust **initiative**. Recognizing the urgent need for immediate assistance, the application process is streamlined to quickly provide relief to those most affected. Welcoming contributions from anyone who wishes to support; over time, the fund may also support longer-term rebuilding efforts.

The fires have had catastrophic effects on artists' homes, studios, and archives, particularly in neighborhoods such as Altadena, long known for their artistic communities. The fund aims to preserve the cultural fabric of the city during this crisis, ensuring that the creativity defining Los Angeles endures.

*'People around the world are watching in horror as vast areas of Los Angeles burn, but this regional tragedy has global cultural repercussions,' says Katherine E. Fleming, president and CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust. 'Amid the losses suffered by the artists and arts workers who so strongly define LA, Getty is grateful to the many partners, local, national, and international, who have come together to meet the urgent needs of this community.'*



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## A CALL FOR UNITY

The LA Arts Community Fire Relief Fund joins other emergency initiatives, including artist-led campaigns and efforts by organizations such as the Craft Emergency Relief Fund and MusiCares. Together, these programs reflect a shared commitment to preserving the creative ecosystems essential to Los Angeles and beyond. The coalition invites individuals, organizations, and corporations worldwide to contribute to this growing initiative.

*'Contributing to the LA Arts Community Fire Relief Fund is an expression of the Warhol Foundation's mission of responding to the needs of artists and is also a moral imperative for those like us who recognize the critical importance of Los Angeles to the world of the arts,'* shares **Joel Wachs**, president of the **Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts**.



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### project info:

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**partners:** Mohn Art Collective (Hammer Museum, LACMA, and MOCA), East West Bank, Mellon Foundation, Helen Frankenthaler Foundation, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Qatar Museums, Ford Foundation

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