

Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI



Bearing names such as Frankenthaler, Haring, Lichtenstein, Mapplethorpe, Pollock-Krasner, Rauschenberg, and Warhol, private foundations created by visual artists are a rapidly emerging force in cultural philanthropy and artistic heritage stewardship. The Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI aims to strengthen the charitable impact of this emerging field by addressing the significant information gap facing those who create, lead, govern, and advise artist-endowed foundations. It implements this strategy through research, publication, leadership convening, professional development, and events to share knowledge with key audiences.

ASPEN INSTITUTE ARTIST-ENDOWED FOUNDATIONS INITIATIVE/AEFI WELCOMES UOVO AS NEW LEAD UNDERWRITER

New York, February 8, 2017 – The Aspen Institute Artist-Endowed Foundations Initiative/AEFI, recognized globally for its pioneering research and services to advance private foundations endowed by visual artists, is pleased to announce the appointment of UOVO, the premiere provider of fine arts storage and collections management services, as a member of the select group of prestigious firms with which it partners as AEFI Lead Underwriters.

AEFI Lead Underwriters provide core support to sustain AEFI and share their intellectual capital by collaborating in the development and dissemination of educational information to assist the artist-endowed foundation field. Said Christine J. Vincent, AEFI Project Director, “Underwriters of the Aspen Institute’s work with artist-endowed foundations represent some of the foremost firms providing services to the arts and philanthropy. We are proud to count them as partners and delighted to welcome UOVO to this distinguished group.”

With a mission to transform the fine art storage and services experience, UOVO offers a holistic approach to collections management that has established a new paradigm for the stewardship of art, design, fashion, and archival collections. Noted Anna Raginskaya, UOVO VP of Brand and Business Development, “We are very pleased to partner with the Aspen Institute and AEFI. In serving artist-endowed foundations, UOVO safeguards the artworks that comprise an artist’s creative legacy and supports a foundation’s art stewardship activities throughout its lifecycle.”

According to Christopher Wise, UOVO Executive VP, Museum Collections and Exhibitions, UOVO has secured collections during settlement of artists’ estates, organized collection inventory and digitization projects, provided tailored spaces for archivists, conservators, and photographers to work on-site, stored extensive art collections, facilitated curator viewings for museum exhibition loans, and coordinated complex moves across cities and countries. Said Wise, “UOVO is committed to helping artist-endowed foundations fulfill their fiduciary responsibilities and advance their charitable missions as stewards of artworks committed to the public benefit.”

In addition to UOVO, AEFI Lead Underwriters include: ARIS Title Insurance Corporation, DeWitt Stern | A Risk Strategies Company, and U.S. Trust.