MEDICI CIRCLE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

EMPOWERING EMERGING ARTISTS

Established in 2004, Medici Scholars take their education beyond the classroom to collaborate with academics and artists in our community and around the world.

Medici Patrons open the doors for scholars to embark on ambitious summer arts research projects, igniting a passion that lasts a lifetime.

"Your generous sponsorship of my project allowed me to travel abroad to visit the performance archives at Shakespeare's Globe Theater... They provided key information for my fourth chapter and have raised additional intellectual inquiries for me about the desire for historical authenticity in our approaches to Shakespeare (both scholarly and artistic, paired with the contemporary desires and the limitations of historical documentation. "

—Emily Parise, Medici Scholar 2024

OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS...
344 students have been awarded Medici Circle Scholarships for research projects in Art, Dance, Drama and Music.

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Thanks to the investments of Medici Patrons in 2024, our scholars completed multiple creative projects including:

Drama

- An interview with the artist behind an installation and performance about plastic waste and queer performance at the University of Michigan
- Studying the therapeutic potential of collaborative youth-based theatre
- Visiting the performance archives at Shakespeare's Globe Theater in London

Art

- An opportunity to study post WWII Italian art in New York
- Exploring and experimenting with new materials for an upcoming exhibition
- Visiting art galleries in Washington, D.C. to study the paintings, journals, and diaries of Thomas Cole

Dance

- Attendance of a week long ballroom dance intensive in Las Vegas

Music

- Recording an album capturing indigenous Taiwanese music
- Attendance of a week long intensive resulting in a composition exploring electroaucoustic music
- Capturing audio and video at archaeological sites in Peru and Mexico
- Presenting a lecture-recital at a conference in Spain on a duet for flute and video game