

Every artist deserves SPA

Scaffolding for Practicing Artists (SPA) provides artists with one-on-one coaching and peer gatherings, helping them address their goals and challenges.

SPA is free for artists and artist-directed at every step. Each artist's needs and values guide their experience.

SPA increases artists' **agency** in their careers and deepens their **connection** to each other.



"SPA changed my life because it helped me build a sustainable art practice."

Kate Marks

What We Do

COACHING

Artists partner with a coach in sessions focused on their immediate and long-term goals. The artists decide how best to use the time and can shift the focus as needed.

Topics range from touring work to cultivating institutional partnerships to building sustainable creative careers.

GATHERINGS

SPA culminates with a 2-day virtual gathering of artists, facilitated by SPA coaches. Each artist shares questions for the group to consider and provide feedback. Artists leave with new insights and an expanded peer network. A cash stipend supports their participation.

Who We Serve

We serve artists across all disciplines including choreographers, directors, playwrights, writers, musicians, filmmakers, and visual and multimedia artists. SPA provides artists with practical tools to develop their work, create sustainable careers, and expand their impact.

Who We Are

SPA coaches are artists/arts workers with diverse and expansive expertise. They are passionate about supporting artists to achieve their goals. [Click here to read about our current coaches.](#)

SPA's Impact

Since 2011, SPA has supported 300+ artists with 1,600+ hours of coaching and 30+ gatherings.

[Learn directly from artists about SPA's impact here.](#)

About MAP Fund

Established in 1988, MAP Fund invests in performing artists and their work as the critical foundation of imagining and co-creating a more equitable and vibrant society.

"My coach consistently met me where I was and helped me recognize frameworks and blind spots that I had not considered."

jaamil olawale kosoko

"MAP's unwavering commitment to live art, to a wide range of aesthetics and processes, and to artists' journeys (not just destinations) is a beacon in the field."

Daniel Alexander Jones

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Partner With Us

SPA can positively impact any artist, including those engaged in fellowships, grant programs, residencies, and project-based endeavors. We will design options to best serve the artists you support.

Please contact [Ron Ragin](#),
Director of Programs,
for program and pricing
information.

Current Partners & Funders

Jerome Foundation
Princess Grace Foundation-USA
New York City Department of Cultural Affairs
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