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# Hoffberger

*Family Philanthropies*



## Around the Table

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### **LeRoy Hoffberger Honored by Maryland Institute College of Art**

As many of you know, the Hoffberger Family has had a long and close connection to the [Maryland Institute College of Art \(MICA\)](#), one of the country's premier studio art colleges, consistently ranked in the top 10 (and #5 in painting). The family's history with MICA began in 1965 when LeRoy Hoffberger and the Hoffberger Foundation created an endowment to support the School of Painting for graduate studies.

On October 25th, MICA honored LeRoy's long service to the Foundation and the College by rededicating the School of Painting as the **LeRoy E. Hoffberger School of Painting**.

Several members of the Hoffberger family joined Governor Martin O'Malley and Senator Ben Cardin to officially open the new Graduate Studio Center which houses the School.

Family members present for the festivities included **LeRoy and Paula Hoffberger, Louise Kovens Goodman, Peter and Lisa Hoffberger, Russell and Helen Hoffberger, Marcie Goodman Gottlieb, and Catherine and Douglas Hoffberger.**

Family members **Lois Feinblatt and Patty Blum** were also in attendance to honor Lois' late husband **Irving Blum**, who was instrumental in enabling MICA to acquire the B & O Station Building which first housed the School of Painting. The entrance to the new Graduate Studio Center is dedicated in memory of Irving Blum who was a long time Trustee of the College.

**Stanley Hoffberger** was also there, representing the Judith R. Hoffberger Family Foundation and associated Foundations in their support of the dedication of the Ruth Marder Galley, which is also located on the 4th Floor of the Graduate Studio Center.

The Graduate Studio Center continues MICA's tradition of anchoring Baltimore's Station North Arts and Entertainment District. The century-old former factory building has served as a home for the College's graduate programs for more than a decade. After a much needed \$18 million renovation, the building now includes expanded gallery space and a café in addition to studios.

It was very exciting to see all of these family members supportive of such a wonderful cultural and educational organization. Video of the awards honoring LeRoy, Irving Blum, and Ruth Marder can be seen by clicking [here](#).

Below is an excerpt of the plaque that hangs outside the School of Painting.

*In 1965, LeRoy E. Hoffberger, D.H.L '12 and the Hoffberger Foundation, Inc. generously created an endowment to establish The Hoffberger School of Painting. Over the next 40 years, the Hoffberger Foundation continued to invest in the endowment which propelled The Hoffberger School of Painting into a nationally*

recognized graduate program in fine arts.

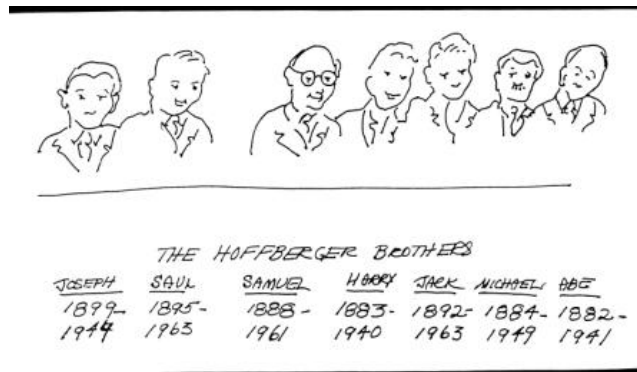
In 2012, LeRoy Hoffberger donated his collection of German Expressionist and Austrian Secessionist artwork to MICA to be displayed and sustain the excellence of the School. In recognition of this significant bequest, the Hoffberger Foundation was honored to rededicate the School of Painting in honor of LeRoy's tireless efforts and many years of visionary leadership to both the Hoffberger Foundation and MICA.



The LeRoy E. Hoffberger School of Painting was rededicated in October 2012, in recognition of his transformational leadership at MICA and for his role as a visionary and committed advocate for the arts.

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