



Costume Society of America
Endowment

December 2017

Dear CSA Member,

Thank you once more for your generosity. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the endowment raised over \$21,000. It is important to note that the Endowment uses only funds from the earnings in our investments, and not the principal, to support our programs. Awards, grants, and projects created by the CSA Board of Directors benefit our members and honor those who have shared their knowledge in the field. In 2017, the Endowment is supporting the second phase of the new Membership Project initiative. The Board is proposing additions to our mission-driven endeavors:

- Increasing the funding for our existing grants and awards to better meet the research and travel needs of our members
- Giving our members access to the resources on our website anywhere, anytime, with any device by designing a mobile-friendly website design
- Providing print publications such as a membership directory and newsletter

Your donations are directly linked to CSA's ability to empower its members via awards, grants, and projects. There are several significant ways in which you can contribute.

One way you can help the CSA through the Endowment is to use your current contributions to honor, or memorialize, a colleague. Another alternative is the Legacy Society, which honors CSA members who have included the Endowment in their will.

For those interested in funding named awards, the following sums are needed. The interest from this investment will generate a yearly cash prize:

- a \$500 yearly award requires a donation of \$17,500
- a \$600 yearly award requires a donation of \$20,000
- a \$750 yearly award requires a donation of \$25,000
- a \$1,000 yearly award requires a donation of \$35,000

Members may also support the Endowment through Levels of Giving:

- Visionary \$5000 and above
- Founder Starting at \$2000
- Leader Starting at \$1000
- Sustainer Starting at \$500
- Patron Starting at \$250
- Supporter Starting at \$100
- Friend Up to \$99

The Dress Society honors CSA members who have contributed funds for a minimum of five continuous years.

As CSA continues to seek added sources of funding, please remember that no gift is too small and all donations are tax-deductible in the United States. The success of the Endowment is the result of your generous contributions. Thank you for your continued support in the coming year.

TOGETHER WE CAN

To donate, or to learn more, visit <http://costumesocietyamerica.com/mission/endowment/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard Vincent Kurtz'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Howard Vincent Kurtz, Chair, Endowment Committee