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**Cranbrook Grabs Top Honors in  
*US News and World Report's "Best Graduate Schools"***

*Renowned Art Academy—home to Bertola, Eames, Knoll and Saarinen—sustains its  
record as a leader in the arts*

Bloomfield Hills, MI—, Cranbrook Academy of Art is once again named the country's top graduate-only Masters of Fine Arts program. The 2009 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools" published by *US News and World Report* ranks the Academy fourth overall among the 220 Master of Fine Arts programs

across the United States. Cranbrook's departments are all ranked in the top ten for excellence in the survey's "specialties" categories, including: Ceramics, Fiber, Graphic Design (2D Design), Industrial Design (3D Design), Metals/Jewelry (Metalsmithing), Painting, Photography, Print Media and Sculpture (Cranbrook also offers a graduate degree in Architecture, but *US News* does not include this subject in its reviews). The *US News and World Report* rankings are based on a survey of art and design school deans, administrators and faculty completed every five years. Cranbrook Academy of Art has appeared at the top of the magazine's rankings since they first appeared in 1990.

"The US News rankings indicate how our peers see us, which speaks very well of our programs, our artists-in-residence, and our students," says Reed Kroloff, Director of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum. "We are a small school with a unique program, so this is not only a complement, but a confirmation that Cranbrook remains a driving force in contemporary art, architecture, and design."

Cranbrook is a true atelier, where ten Artists-in-Residence mentor 15 students each on a National Landmark campus designed by Eliel and Eero Saarinen. Over its 75 years, the Academy's alumni and faculty have included some of the country's most renowned artists, architects and designers including the Saarinens, Harry Bertoia, Richard DeVore, Charles and Ray Eames, Maja Grotell, Florence Knoll, Jack Lenor Larson, Daniel Libeskind, Tony Matelli, Hani Rashid, Marianne Strengell, Toshiko Takaezu, Lorraine Wild, and Anne Wilson.

Cranbrook Academy of Art is part of the Cranbrook Educational Community, which includes primary and secondary schools, museums, and a science institute on its 320 acre campus in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. For more information about Cranbrook Academy of Art, visit [cranbrook.edu](#) or call (248) 645-3329.

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