

# Naomi Watts

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Dear Academy Friend,

Ever since I can remember, I've been lucky enough to be immersed in a creative environment. I was born into a family in which the look of the things we lived with were as vital as their function. My mother always took the time to make our home feel not only welcoming but beautiful, collecting eclectic works from around the world. This intimate visual education followed me to adulthood. My eyes are always on the hunt for something new and engaging.

Ten years ago, I met Eileen Guggenheim. I was immediately struck by how passionate she was about art – all types of art, be it painting, drawing, sculpture – and even more so by her relentless enthusiasm for sharing this love with everyone she meets. She invited me to Tribeca Ball where I discovered a wide variety of people, all there to support the New York Academy of Art. New York, in my opinion, is the best of all cities when its various worlds collide. The Academy is truly an illustration of this convergence.

Through its wide-ranging enrollment, students from many countries and walks of life come to New York to master their craft. They learn classical as well as contemporary techniques. **They learn the rules so they can break them. They express themselves in ways I haven't seen anywhere else.**

This is why, year after year, I come back to the Academy for much more than just their amazing events like Take Home a Nude or Tribeca Ball, and it is why I am now so honored to call myself a trustee.

Please join me in donating to the New York Academy of Art. Together we will support the next generation of artists and through their work inspire many more generations to come.

Sincerely,



Naomi Watts  
Trustee

