

Hugh Grant—Biography

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Founding Director & Curator Kirkland Museum of Fine & Decorative Art

Grant built the majority of Kirkland Museum's celebrated **international decorative art** collection—recognized as one of the most important displays in North America which includes notable examples of every major design period from Arts & Crafts through Postmodern.

Grant also established the Kirkland Foundation in 1996 to document, rediscover, collect, preserve, exhibit and publish Colorado artists. The **Colorado and regional art** collection contains about 7,000 works by more than 700 Colorado artists and includes the estate collection of **Vance Kirkland (1904–1981)**, the distinguished Colorado painter, whose works have received more than 350 exhibitions at 70 museums and 35 universities encompassing 13 countries.

Grant won the Heartland Emmy Award for Best Entertainment Program of 2000 for his role as Executive Director of *The Artist and The Muse*, a ballet that aired on PBS stations, also winning 11 other awards. Grant has appeared in three HGTV "Hey Remember" decorative art programs and on *Antiques Roadshow*, the PBS television series, taped at Kirkland Museum in July 2009.