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ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY ANNOUNCES 2019 ARTIST FELLOWSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Chicago, IL - The Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) is honored to announce the Fiscal Year 2019 Artist Fellowship Award recipients. Non-matching Fellowships in unrestricted fixed amounts of \$15,000 are awarded to Illinois artists in recognition of their outstanding work and commitment within the arts. This year 17 Illinois artists will receive Fellowships totaling \$255,000. Finalist Awards of \$1500 were also awarded to 21 Illinois artists for a total of \$31,500. The Finalist Award category recognizes and encourages additional applicants who demonstrate considerable talent.

The Artist Fellowship Program offered funding for 14 artistic disciplines. This year's Fellowship and Finalist Award recipients were selected from 574 Illinois based creative artists working in the disciplines of Ethnic and Folk Arts, Media Arts, Music Composition, Performance Based Arts (Choreography & Performance Art), Literature (Poetry, Prose, & Scriptworks), Visual Based Arts (Photography, Sculpture, Painting, Craft, Interdisciplinary and Installation).

The Council is proud to be able to award Illinois artists with the unrestricted awards that will support their creative endeavors and artistic growth. The mission of the Illinois Arts Council Agency is "To build a strong, creative, and connected Illinois through the arts." The Agency recognizes that Illinois' artists are an essential component of the social fabric of the state and its arts community. The Artist Fellowship Awardees and Finalist range in age from their 30s through their 70s, hail from 12 different communities across the state including urban, suburban, and rural communities, and are from as far north as Chicago, as far south as Cobden and as far west as Moline.

Following are the Fiscal Year 2019 Artist Fellowship and Finalist Award recipients listed by discipline.

ETHNIC AND FOLK ARTS

Liz Carroll	Mundelein	\$15,000
Aedeok Lee Cho	Rolling Meadows	\$ 1,500
R.W. Robinson	St. Charles	\$ 1,500

MEDIA ARTS

Tirtza Even	Chicago	\$15,000
Carlos Javier Ortiz	Chicago	\$15,000
Salome Chasnoff	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Calum Walter	Chicago	\$ 1,500

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Jacob Bancks	Moline	\$15,000
Janice Misurell-Mitchell	Chicago	\$15,000
Katherine Young	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Zack Browning	Champaign	\$ 1,500
Nathalie Joachim	Chicago	\$ 1,500

PERFORMANCE-BASED ARTS (CHOREOGRAPHY & PERFORMANCE ART)

Jennifer Monson	Urbana	\$15,000
Ginger Krebs	Chicago	\$15,000
Erica Gressman	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Adam Brooks	Chicago	\$ 1,500

POETRY

Angie Estes	Urbana	\$15,000
Simone Muench	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Li-Young Lee	Chicago	\$ 1,500

PROSE

Heidi Bell	Aurora	\$15,000
Emily Maloney	Evanston	\$15,000
Catherine Lacey	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Michele Morano	Chicago	\$ 1,500

SCRIPTWORKS

Sandra Delgado	Chicago	\$15,000
Reginald Lawrence	Chicago	\$ 1,500

VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PHOTOGRAPHY)

Paul D'Amato	Riverside	\$15,000
Alice Hargrave	Chicago	\$ 1,500

VISUAL-BASED ARTS (SCULPTURE & INTERDISCIPLINARY)

Joseph Grigely	Chicago	\$15,000
Edra Soto	Chicago	\$15,000
Daniel Baird	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Alex Chitty	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Mary Patten	Chicago	\$ 1,500

VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PAINTING, CRAFT, AND INSTALLATION)

Bethany Collins	Chicago	\$15,000
Diana Guerrero-Macia	Chicago	\$15,000
Michael Dinges	Oak Park	\$15,000
Betsy Odom	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Sarah Nishiura	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Mel Watkin	Cobden	\$ 1,500

The following jurors reviewed this year's applications in the disciplines of:

ETHNIC AND FOLK ARTS: Nicholas Hartmann, Cedar Rapids, IA; Lisa Rathje, Oak Park, IL; Robert Baron, Brooklyn, NY; Julia Olin, Berwyn Heights, MD;

MEDIA ARTS: Anula Shetty, Philadelphia, PA; Abina Manning, Chicago, IL; Joe Bowman, San Francisco, CA; Brenda Webb, Skokie, IL;

MUSIC COMPOSITION: Sabrina Peña Young, Buffalo, NY; Kirsten Broberg, Aubrey, TX; Marjorie Rusche, South Bend, IN;

PERFORMANCE-BASED ARTS: Carron Little, Chicago, IL; Peter Taub, Chicago, IL; Marianne Weems, Santa Cruz, CA; Hector Canonge, Elmhurst, NY;

LITERATURE (POETRY): Leila Wilson, Evanston, IL; Chanda Feldman, Oberlin, OH; Lisa Olstein, Austin, TX;

LITERATURE (PROSE): Jacinda Townsend, Bloomington, IN; James O'Laughlin, Evanston, IL; Sheila Everett, Paw Paw, MI;

LITERATURE (SCRIPTWORKS): Ruth Margraff, Chicago, IL; Erin Washburn, Philadelphia, PA; Kirsten Bowen, Washington, DC;

VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PHOTOGRAPHY): Deanna Witman, Warren, ME; Marzena Abrahamik, Park Ridge, IL; Jesse Mattimoe Avina, Chicago, IL;

VISUAL-BASED ARTS (SCULPTURE): Lisa Costello, Champaign, IL; Stephanie Cristello, Chicago, IL; Zachary Zetterberg, Peoria, IL;

VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PAINTING, CRAFT, AND INSTALLATION): Kathryn Koca Polite, Galesburg, IL; Kendra Paitz, Bloomington, IL; Allison Peters Quinn, LaGrange, IL; Douglas Stapleton, Chicago, IL;

ARTIST FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

The intent of the Artist Fellowship Program is to enrich and strengthen the state of Illinois by supporting accomplished Illinois artists who are the foundation of Illinois' creative environment. The Artist Fellowship Program recognizes exceptional artists who have created a substantial body of work throughout their career by providing awards to support continued artistic growth.

To learn more about the Artist Fellowship Awards visit:

<http://www.arts.illinois.gov/AFA-Program>

ABOUT THE ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY

The Illinois Arts Council Agency was created as a state agency by the Illinois General Assembly in 1965 through legislation sponsored by Senators Paul Simon, Thomas McGlooin, and Alan Dixon. The agency is governed by up to twenty-one private citizens chosen for their demonstrated commitment to the arts and appointed by the Governor. Council members serve in a voluntary, non-paid capacity and are charged with developing the state's public arts policy, fostering quality culturally diverse programs, and approving grants expenditures. A small professional staff with in-depth knowledge of the arts develops and administers the agency's programs, provides technical assistance, and ensures the responsible and impactful distribution of all funds. Resources to support the Illinois Arts Council Agency are provided by the Governor and General Assembly of Illinois and the National Endowment for the Arts.

To learn more about the Illinois Arts Council Agency visit: <http://www.arts.illinois.gov/>

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