NEW YORK FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES
RECIPIENTS AND FINALISTS FOR ARTISTS’ FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
$630,000 AWARDED TO 93 NEW YORK STATE ARTISTS

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The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) has announced the recipients and finalists of its Artists’ Fellowship Program. The organization has awarded a total of $630,000 to 93 artists (including three collaborations) throughout New York State in the following disciplines: crafts/sculpture; digital/electronic art; non-fiction literature; poetry, and printmaking/drawing/artist books. Fifteen finalists (three per discipline), who do not receive a cash award, but benefit from myriad other NYFA services, were also announced. A complete list of the Fellows and finalists follows.

Now in its 29th year, the Artists’ Fellowship Program makes unrestricted cash grants of $7,000 to artists working in 15 disciplines, five per year on a triennial basis. The program is highly competitive and this year’s recipients and finalists were selected by discipline specific peer panels from an applicant pool of 4,117. Since it was launched in 1985, the program has awarded over $27 million to more than 4,000 artists.

“We are so grateful to our partners at the New York State Council on the Arts, which provides leadership support for this program, as well as our other funders, for giving us the means to recognize the extraordinary breadth of artistic talent throughout the state,” said NYFA Executive Director Michael L. Royce. “Because they are unrestricted, these grants give artists the gift of time and allow them to complete projects, experiment with new forms and materials and create the work which transforms all our lives.”

This sentiment was affirmed by Brooklyn-based Non-Fiction Literature Fellow Coco Fusco, who commented, “[t]his fellowship comes at a perfect time, and will allow me to continue working on texts that are vital to me but have little to do with the commercial side of arts. I am proud and happy to find myself among the NYFA Fellowship award recipients!”

That thought was seconded by Gregory T. Skochko, from Albany, "I am absolutely thrilled to have been chosen by NYFA as a fellowship recipient in Sculpture. It is an honor to be recognized by a jury of my fellow New York State artists for the work with which I am so excited to be making. The recognition and award will allow me to continue with current projects, and to explore materials and ideas that I could only dream of before."

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The New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) was founded in 1971 to empower artists at critical stages in their creative lives. We do this by providing cash grants, entrepreneurial training and online information and resources. Our fiscal sponsorship program is one of the most established in the country and helps artists and organizations raise and manage over $3.5 million annually. Our NYFA Learning programs provide thousands of artists with professional development training and our website,
NYFA.org, received over 1.5 million unique visitors last year and has information about more than 12,000 opportunities and resources available to artists in all disciplines.

**FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS AND FINALISTS BY DISCIPLINE AND COUNTY OF RESIDENCE:**

**CRAFTS/ SCULPTURE**
Peter Beasecker (Madison)
Charlotte Becket (Kings)
Anna Betbeze (New York)
Amy Brener (Kings)
Kate Clark (Kings)
Mikhail Gubin (Queens)
Yoko Inoue (Kings)
Cal Lane (Putnam)
Harry Leigh (Rockland)
Norman Magnusson (New York)
Amanda C. Mathis (Kings)
Walter McConnell (Allegany)
Ian McMahon (Steuben)
Myra Milmitsch-Gray (Ulster)
Ryan Sarah Murphy (New York)
Armita Raafat (New York)
Jessica Segall (Kings)
Michelle Segre (New York)
Gregory Skochko (Albany)
Kako Ueda (Kings)
Chris Victor (Ulster)
Jian-Jun Zhang (New York)

**Finalists**
R.M. Fischer (New York)
Jessica Stoller (Kings)
Jane South (Kings)

**Crafts/Sculpture Panelists**
Claire Watson (Suffolk)
Linda Cordell (Chautauqua)
Hiroyuki Hamada (Suffolk)
Charles McGill (Westchester)
Shari Mendelson (New York)

**DIGITAL/ELECTRONIC ARTS**
Aziz + Cucher (Kings)*
Justin Berry (Kings)
Peter Burr (Kings)
Heather Bursch (Kings)
Blake Carrington (Kings)
Shamus Clisset (New York)
Nicholas Fraser (Kings)
Shih Chieh Huang (New York)
Adam Hurwitz (New York)
Oleg Mavromatti/Boryana Dragoeva (Onondaga)*
Lisa Park (New York)
Laura Parnes (Kings)
Saya Woolfalk (New York)

Finalists
Faith Holland (New York)
Phillip Stearns (Kings)
Katie Torn (New York)

Digital/Electronic Arts Panelists
Adam Daily (Washington)
Michael Greathouse (Kings)
Sophie Kahn (Kings)
Moo Kwon Han (New York)
Christine Nadir (Madison)

NON-FICTION LITERATURE
Colin Asher (Kings)
Jonathan Blunk (Westchester)
Cynthia Carr (New York)
Jace Clayton (Kings)
Coco Fusco (Kings)
Shahnaz Habib (New York)
Abeer Hoque (New York)
Will Hunt (Kings)
Suki Kim (New York)
Annie Lanzillotto (Westchester)
Oona Patrick (Kings)
Amanda Petrusich (Kings)
Luc Sante (Ulster)
Ned Sublette (New York)
Richard Tayson (Queens)

Finalists
Ava Chin (New York)
Robin Marantz Henig (New York)
Aurvi Sharma (New York)

Non-Fiction Literature Panelists
Vivian Heller (Dutchess)
Mary Emily O’Hara (Kings)
Catherine McKinley (NYC)
Damien VanDenburgh (New York)
Gabrielle Selz (Suffolk)
POETRY
Albert Abonado (Monroe)
Rosebud Ben-oni (Queens)
Emily Blair (Kings)
Charity Coleman (New York)
John Coletti (Kings)
Corina Copp (Kings)
Amanda K. Davidson (New York)
BC Edwards (Kings)
Simone Kearney (New York)
Dawn Lundy Martin (Suffolk)
Rachel McKibbens (Monroe)
Judah Rubin (Queens)
Beth Steidle (Kings)
Stacy Szymaszek (Kings)
Vincent Toro (Bronx)
Karen Weiser (New York)
Matvei Yankelevich (Kings)

Finalists
Cynthia Manick (Kings)
Idrissa Simmonds (Kings)
Michael Leong (New York)

Poetry Panelists
Jose Perez Beduya (Tompkins)
Nathaniel Otting (Kings)
Marc Straus (New York)
Ellen Graf (Rensselaer)
Tonya Foster (Kings)

PRINTMAKING/DRAWING/ARTIST BOOKS
Perry Angelora (Kings)
Gil Avineri (New York)
Cui Fei (New York)
Zaria Forman (Kings)
Maria Elena Gonzalez (Kings)
Linda Herritt (Kings)
George Hrycun (Allegany)
Yashua Klos (New York)
Kakyoung Lee (Kings)
Matt Marello (New York)
Gordon Moore (New York)
Andrea Moreau (Dutchess)
Anne Muntges (Erie)
Doug Navarra (Ulster)
Seamus O’Brien (Kings)
John O Connor (Westchester)
Gary Panter (Kings)
Svetlana Rabey (New York)
Patricia Smith (Kings)
Nicholas Vaughan/Jacob Margolin (Kings)*
Dale Williams (Kings)
Heeseop Yoon (Kings)
Eugenia Yu (Kings)

Finalists
Donald Powley (Schoharie)
Cynthia Lin (New York)
Jade Townsend (Kings)

Printmaking/Drawing/Artist Books Panelists
Geoff Chadsey (Kings)
Rosemarie Fiore (Bronx)
Chris Fritton (Erie)
Takuji Hamanaka (Kings)

*Collaborating Fellows