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LOCAL FOUNDATION AWARDS \$275,000 FELLOWSHIPS TO 15 ARTISTS

LOS ANGELES – The California Community Foundation (CCF) on Friday awarded \$275,000 in one-year fellowships to 15 outstanding emerging and mid-career artists working in the disciplines of sculpture, film, painting, drawing, photography and multimedia. Five emerging artists each received \$15,000 fellowships and ten mid-career artists each received \$20,000 fellowships.

“We are proud to support this talented group of individuals,” said Antonia Hernández, CCF President & CEO. “The arts’ contribution to our economic, cultural and social lives is seldom appreciated despite its powerful impact and we are deeply committed to fostering this sector’s growth.”

The fellowships are a rare bit of good news for the arts sector amid severe public funding cuts. Fellows were selected by a panel of local artists, curators and arts experts from a pool of over 330 applicants. Mid-career artists are defined as artists who have seven or more years of active, professional experience, and emerging artists are defined as those with fewer than seven years of professional experience. A complete list of fellows is available below.

For more than 90 years, CCF has recognized, encouraged and supported the Los Angeles arts community by funding and nurturing a full range of artistic expressions. The Fellowships for Visual Artists support local artists to further their professional development and showcase Los Angeles’ vibrant cultures. The fellowships are made possible by funding from The *J. Paul Getty Trust Fund for Visual Arts*, the *Brody Arts Fund*, the *Atlass Fund*, the *Joan Palevsky Endowment for the Future of Los Angeles* and other CCF funds. This will be the 19th year that the foundation gives out these fellowships.

Founded in 1915, the California Community Foundation is one of the leading philanthropic organizations in Los Angeles County, managing more than \$1 billion in assets. Each year, it grants over \$100 million as investments in the future of our local communities. The foundation partners with individual donors and actively supports nonprofit organizations to

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address diverse and dynamic needs of our communities. The expertise and commitment of CCF enables individuals, families and organizations to fulfill their charitable goals and dreams. Interviews with Ms. Hernández and individual artists are available upon request. To learn more, visit our Web site at www.calfund.org.

SUMMARY OF AWARDED FELLOWSHIPS

| MID-CAREER ARTIST FELLOWS | MEDIUM | FELLOWSHIP AWARD |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Lisa Anne Auerbach | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 20,000 |
| Natalie Bookchin | Experimental film/video | \$ 20,000 |
| Meg Cranston | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 20,000 |
| Stanya Kahn | Experimental Film/Video | \$ 20,000 |
| Eve Fowler | Photography | \$ 20,000 |
| Ken Gonzales-Day | Photography | \$ 20,000 |
| Soo Kim | Photography | \$ 20,000 |
| Kori Newkirk | Sculpture | \$ 20,000 |
| Dont Rhine | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 20,000 |
| Artemio Rodriguez | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 20,000 |
| EMERGING ARTIST FELLOWS | | FELLOWSHIP AWARD |
| Scoli Acosta | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 15,000 |
| Kianga Ford | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 15,000 |
| Amitis Motevalli | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 15,000 |
| Marco Rios | Sculpture | \$ 15,000 |
| Jim Skuldt | Multimedia/Interdisciplinary | \$ 15,000 |
| TOTAL | | \$275,000 |

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