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CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$205,000 TO LOCAL ARTISTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

LOS ANGELES – The California Community Foundation demonstrated its leadership as a staunch supporter of the arts and recently awarded \$205,000 in fellowships to 11 artists based in Los Angeles County.

The foundation awarded one-year Fellowships for Visual Artists – ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000 – to 8 emerging and 3 mid-career visual artists working in the disciplines of sculpture, film, painting, drawing and multimedia.

“We are proud to be supporting this multi-talented group of local artists who contribute to making Los Angeles the dynamic and awe-inspiring place that it is,” said Antonia Hernández, president & CEO at the community foundation. “Art is an integral part of life for all Angelenos and we intend on going full force with continued assistance to inspire, nurture and encourage artists.”

Fellowship recipients include mid-career artists Jacci Den Hartog, Hilja Keading, Jose Lozano, Robin Mitchell, Reneé Petropoulos, Connie Samaras, Alex Slade; and emerging artists Clarence Lin, Shizu Saldamando and Sara Velas.

The Fellowships for Visual Artists are annual awards designed to support Los Angeles area artists and simultaneously showcase the diversity and richness of the many unique communities that make up this region.

More than 90 Los Angeles artists applied and a juried panel of local artists, curators and experts in the arts selected this year’s individual artist winners. 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.

The Fellowships for Visual Artists are supported by the J. Paul Getty Trust Fund for the Visual Arts, the Brody Arts Fund, the Atlass Fund and other Foundation funds. Since 2001, the community foundation has granted \$760,000 to emerging and mid-career artists.

Established in 1915, the California Community Foundation is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in Southern California, with assets exceeding \$1 billion. In partnership with its donors, the foundation supports nonprofit organizations and public institutions in the areas of health, education, neighborhood revitalization, as well as arts & human development.

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