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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 20 L.A. ARTISTS TO RECEIVE UNIQUE FELLOWSHIPS

CCF Fellowship for Visual Artists invests in mid-career and emerging visual artists to build successful, sustainable careers in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES – California Community Foundation (CCF) has announced 20 mid-career and emerging visual artists living and working in Los Angeles as recipients of the *CCF Fellowship for Visual Artists* for 2012. Since its inception in 1988 with a generous contribution to CCF from The J. Paul Getty Trust, the fellowship program has supported 215 of L.A.’s visual artists working in a multitude of media and forms with \$2.1 million in grants and access to business development support.

The *CCF Fellowship for Visual Artists* is part of the portfolio of the Arts Program of the community foundation, a public charitable organization committed to strengthening the cultural vitality of L.A. County by increasing the operational capacity of small and mid-size arts and cultural organizations, increasing arts opportunities that are affordable and accessible to underserved communities, improving participation in the arts by diverse, low-income residents and professional artists, and helping visual artists develop successful, sustainable careers in Los Angeles.

The artwork and biographies of current and past fellows are available online in the *CCF Fellowship for Visual Artists* virtual art gallery (www.calfund.org/artist-gallery), as well as on Facebook (www.facebook.com/ccfartists).

The recipients of the 2012 *CCF Fellowship for Visual Artists*, in alphabetical order by first name, are:

Name	Community	Discipline	Category
Adam Overton	Eagle Rock	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media, Performance Art, Other</i>	Emerging
Alan Nakagawa	Mid-City	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media</i>	Mid-Career
Amitis Motevalli	Silver Lake	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media</i>	Mid-Career
Eileen Cowin	Park Mesa Heights	<i>Experimental Film and Video, Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media, Photography</i>	Mid-Career
Emily Mast	Cypress Park	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media, Performance Art</i>	Emerging
Fabian Debora	East L.A.	<i>Painting</i>	Emerging

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Heather Cassils	Silver Lake	<i>Experimental Film and Video, Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media, Installation, Performance Art, Photography, Sculpture, Other</i>	Emerging
James Rojas	Alhambra	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media</i>	Emerging
Jody Zellen	Santa Monica	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media</i>	Mid-Career
John David O'Brien	Lincoln Heights	<i>Drawing, Installation, Sculpture</i>	Mid-Career
Mario Ybarra Jr.	Wilmington	<i>Installation</i>	Mid-Career
Mark Steven Greenfield	Eagle Rock	<i>Drawing</i>	Mid-Career
Micol Hebron	Cypress Park	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media</i>	Mid-Career
Nick Kramer	Cypress Park	<i>Sculpture</i>	Emerging
Olga Koumoundouros	Cypress Park	<i>Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media, Installation, Sculpture</i>	Mid-Career
Pascual Sisto	Cypress Park	<i>Experimental Film and Video, Interdisciplinary-Mixed Media, Photography</i>	Emerging
Sherin Guirguis	Highland Park	<i>Painting, Sculpture</i>	Mid-Career
Shirley Tse	Santa Monica	<i>Installation, Sculpture</i>	Mid-Career
Stephen Berens	Eagle Rock	<i>Photography</i>	Mid-Career
Yoshie Sakai	Gardena	<i>Experimental Film and Video, Installation, Performance Art</i>	Emerging

“Los Angeles County is a place that embraces diversity and creativity in all forms and expressions,” said Antonia Hernández, president and CEO of the California Community Foundation. “As L.A.’s foundation, we are thoroughly committed to help the creative community, especially individual artists and nonprofit arts organizations, to thrive through meaningful and sustained support like the *CCF Fellowship for Visual Artists* program.”

[California Community Foundation](http://www.calfund.org) (CCF) is a public, charitable organization serving Los Angeles County since 1915. It encourages philanthropy by individuals, families, companies and organizations, and serves as a steward of their charitable funds and legacies. It also makes grants to nonprofits and collaborates in addressing the needs of vulnerable members of the community. In addition, it engages in community problem solving with business, civic, government and other organizations. For more information, visit www.calfund.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/calfund.

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