



58 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARTISTS AWARDED FELLOWSHIPS

California Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship Program Grants Awarded in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego Counties

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July 25, 2023 – Irvine, California – **Prestigious 2023 California Arts Council (CAC) Individual Artist Fellowships totaling \$840,000 have been awarded to 58 artists in the five-county Region I.** The program is designed to recognize, uplift, and celebrate the excellence of California artists practicing any art form. In doing so, the CAC is showcasing the centrality of artists' leadership in guiding the evolution of our traditional and contemporary cultures. The fellows were selected from 779 artists that applied within the region.

Fellowship grants support individual artistic practice through unrestricted funding. This program is intended to support a broad spectrum of artists working in all disciplines, from diverse geographies and communities of all sizes across the state of California. Awards have been made in the following categories: Emerging Artist Fellows - \$5,000; Established Artist Fellows - \$10,000; Legacy Artist Fellows - \$50,000.

Artists were selected by peer review panels comprised of artists, arts administrators, arts educators, and arts funders assembled from the participating counties in the region. The application submission period opened March 1, 2023 and closed on April 14, 2023. Free technical assistance was provided to applicants. The review panels met in mid-May, 2023 to make their final selections.

Arts Orange County, the nonprofit countywide arts council, is serving as the Administering Organization for Region I and leads a consortium of five county arts councils that ensured robust local outreach and representation. These include North County Coalition for the Arts in Imperial County; Arts Orange County in Orange County; Riverside Arts Council in Riverside County; Arts Connection in San Bernardino County; San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture in San Diego County.

Artists NOT residing in Region I are served by three other CAC Individual Artist Fellowship Program Regions. Information about those may be found here: https://arts.ca.gov/grant_program/individual-artists-fellowship/

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