

Urban Artist Initiative/New York City



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34 New York City Artists of Color Receive Fellowships in the Visual and Media Arts – including 10 Asian/Asian American artists

\$51,000 Awarded in the Third Cycle from the Urban Artist Initiative/NYC

(New York, NY – April 2, 2010) The Urban Artist Initiative/NYC (UAI/NYC), a consortium effort to support artists of color in New York City announced the 34 New York artists who received UAI/NYC Fellowships this year. With this third grants cycle of the Initiative, a total of 174 artists in all disciplines have received direct support from this program.

The UAI/NYC consortium includes Amerinda, Inc., the **Asian American Arts Alliance**, Harlem Arts Alliance, the Latino Artists Initiative sponsored by the Bronx Council on the Arts, the Queens Council on the Arts, the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, working in partnership with the New York Foundation for the Arts and the Bronx Council on the Arts, the project's general sponsor.

UAI/NYC Fellowship recipients were chosen from more than 400 applications. Through a highly-competitive peer-panel review process, panels in the Visual/Interdisciplinary Arts and Media Arts reviewed the work submitted by applicants. Native American artists were reviewed in all disciplines.

2009/10 Urban Artist Initiative/ NYC Fellows **Asian / Asian American Fellows in bold**

Visual/ Interdisciplinary Arts

Golnar Adili

Itscy Crush

Boone Melissa

A. Calderon

Hyemi Cho

Cecile Chong

David Antonio Cruz

Sonjie Feliciano-Solomon

Russell Frederick
Laura Gadson
Florencio Gelabert
Lisa Iglesias
Tamara Kostianovsky
Kimberly Mayhorn
Algernon Miller
Karen Miranda
Rashaad Newsome

Annysa Ng

Shani Peter
Lina Puerta

Hong Seon Jang

Heesop Yoon

Media Arts

Jonathan Bogarin

Brian Chamberlain

Faythallegra Coleman
Menkkat Dukan
Michelle Garcia
Rashaad Ernesto Green

Peilin Kuo

Namel Norris (Tap Waterz)

Bora Yoon

Multi-Disciplinary Arts

Yatika Starr Fields (Visual Arts)
Jason Lujan (Visual Arts)
Muriel Miguel (Performing Arts)
Vicke Ramirez (Literary Arts)

Panelists

Visual/ Interdisciplinary Arts

Adarsh Alphons
Rocio Aranda-Alvarado
David Martine
Chin Chi Yang

Media Arts (panelists reviewing Asian/Asian American applications in bold)

Mari Jaye Blanchard

Mridu Chandra

Lisa Collins***
Angela Hardin***
Daryl Held***
Jayson Keeling**

Miya Masaoka

Beni Matias**
Ivan Monforte**

John Paul Su

Eric V. Tait Jr.****

Andrea Williams***

Jose Vicenty**

John Woo

**For the Bronx Council on the Arts

***For the Harlem Arts Alliance

Multi-Disciplinary Arts (For Amerinda, Inc)

Tim Long

David Martine

Ernie Paniccioli

Andrea Smith

William S. YellowRobe Jr.

In June 2010 the Longwood Arts Project of the Bronx Council on the Arts will host an exhibit of selected work by the latest UAI grantees. For more information about the exhibit, see www.longwoodcyber.org and www.bronxarts.org.

UAI/NYC has also developed a new on-line interactive communications initiative, the **UAI Forum**, designed to increase information to and from artists of color specifically. The Forum is available at <http://forum.aaartsalliance.org>

UAI/NYC is part of a national network of cities that serves as a laboratory for projects effecting local and national change in the lives of artists. It is one of the Creative Communities programs of **LINC** (Leveraging Investments in Creativity).

Bronx Council on the Arts' president Bill Aguado said: "We are proud to support the Urban Artist Initiative /NYC because it gives artists from all backgrounds an opportunity to excel. UAI/NYC, a unique collaboration of multiple arts intermediaries, creates a point of entry for artists from their specific communities, many of whom have not traditionally participated in grant and service programs for artists." UAI/NYC project director Ted Berger emphasized: "This is an important local demonstration which serves as a national example of expanding opportunities for under-served communities and their artists who have been far too often under-recognized and under-supported."

Nico Daswani, Program Director of the Asian American Arts Alliance said: "We are happy to be able to recognize the work of artists in our community through these cash awards. The great number of high-level applications speaks to the vibrancy of our artistic community and to a desperate need for more sources of financial support for Asian American artists."

Funding for this grants cycle of the Urban Artist Initiative/NYC has been provided by the Joan Mitchell Foundation, Leveraging Investments in Creativity (LINC), and the Starry Night Fund of the Tides Foundation. Previous other supporters of UAI/NYC include the Booth Ferris Foundation, the Buddy Fund for Justice of the Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors, the JP Morgan Chase Foundation, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.
