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SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2011 VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS FELLOWSHIPS

MIAMI, FLORIDA – Twelve fellowships have been awarded by the South Florida Cultural Consortium through its 2011 Visual and Media Artists Fellowship Program. The Consortium, an alliance of the arts councils of Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Martin Counties, has awarded the fellowships to six visual artists from Miami-Dade County, four from Broward County, one from Palm Beach County and one from Monroe County. The fellowships are conferred at either the \$15,000 or \$7,500 level. The \$15,000 Fellowships are among the largest such awards provided by local arts agencies in the United States.

The selected artists are: from Miami-Dade County, Antonio Chirinos, photographer - \$7,500; Aymee Cruzalegui, filmmaker - \$15,000; Cristina Lei Rodriguez, sculptor and mixed media artist - \$15,000; Martin Oppel, sculptor and painter - \$15,000; Leyden Rodriguez Casanova, installation artist - \$7,500; and Asser Saint-Val, painter - \$15,000; from Broward County, Madeline Denaro, painter - \$7,500; Victoria Gitman, painter - \$15,000; Christina Pettersson, illustrator - \$15,000; and Jillian Mayer, filmmaker - \$7,500; from Palm Beach County, Walter Hnatysh, painter - \$15,000; and from Monroe County, Deborah Goldman, photographer - \$15,000.



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The recipients were selected during a two-tier panel process which included the participation of regional and national arts experts. The 2011 regional panel, whose selections are conducted totally anonymous and based solely on the evaluation of the artists' work as evidenced by the work samples submitted, included: Francie Bishop Good, *Visual Artist*, 2010 SFCC Recipient, *Broward*; Glexis Novoa, *Visual Artist*, 2010 SFCC Recipient, *Miami-Dade*; Denise Delgado, Miami-Dade Public Library System, *Miami-Dade*; Irvin Lippman, *Executive Director*, Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, *Broward*; Rene Morales, Associate Curator, Miami Art Museum, *Miami-Dade*; and Wendy Blazier, Senior Curator, Boca Museum of Art, *Palm Beach*. The submissions selected by the regional panel for further consideration were forwarded for final adjudication and selection to the national panel, which was comprised of: Dina Deitsch, Associate Curator, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA and Cheryl Hartup, Chief Curator, Museo de Ponce, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

An exhibition featuring the works of the twelve recipients is scheduled to be presented at the Art and Culture Center of Hollywood, 1650 Harrison Street, Hollywood, FL from September 9 - October 16, 2011. The South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual and Media Artists Fellowship Program is a cooperative project funded in part with the support the Boards of County Commissioners of Broward, Miami-Dade, Martin and Monroe Counties, and the Palm Beach County Cultural Council.

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The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council develop cultural excellence, diversity and participation throughout Miami-Dade County by strategically creating and promoting opportunities for artists and cultural organizations, and our residents and visitors who are their audiences. The Department directs the Art in Public Places program and its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's award-winning art collection. Through staff, board and programmatic resources, the Department, the Council and the Trust promote, coordinate and support Miami-Dade County's more than 1,000 not-for-profit cultural organizations as well as thousands of resident artists through grants, technical assistance, public information and interactive community planning. The Department receives funding through the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust, the National Endowment for the Arts, the State of Florida through the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Arts Council, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. Other support and services are provided by TicketWeb for the Culture Shock Miami program, the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, the South Florida Cultural Consortium and the Tourist Development Council.

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