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SOUTH FLORIDA CULTURAL CONSORTIUM ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF 2015/16 VISUAL & MEDIA ARTISTS AWARDS

MIAMI, FLORIDA – The South Florida Cultural Consortium (SFCC) announced twelve (12) awards to preeminent South Florida artists through its 2015/2016 Visual and Media Artists Program. The Consortium, an alliance of the arts councils of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach Counties, has recognized six individuals from Miami-Dade County, three from Broward County, two from Palm Beach County, and one from Monroe County. The awards are conferred at either the \$15,000 or \$7,500 level. These awards are among the largest such honors accorded by local arts agencies to visual and media artists in the United States.

The selected artists are: from Broward County: Anthony Anaya, Madeleine Denaro and Sri Prabha; from Miami-Dade County: Kevin Arrow, Cara Despain, Marlon Johnson, Pepe Mar, Charo Oquet and Kenny Riches; from Monroe County: Deborah Goldman; and from Palm Beach County: TD Gillispie and Natalia Laskis.

The recipients were selected through a two-tier panel process which included the participation of regional and national arts experts. The 2015-2016 regional panel, whose adjudications are conducted totally anonymously and are based solely on the evaluation of the artists' work as evidenced by the work samples submitted, included: Jose Diaz, Curator, Bass Museum of Art (Miami-Dade); Dara Friedman, Artist, 2014-2015 SFCC Award Recipient (Miami-Dade); Silvia Lizama, Artist, 2014-2015 SFCC Award Recipient (Broward); Jillian Mayer, Artist, 2013 - 2014 SFCC Award Recipient (Broward); Diani Nawi, Curator, Jorge M. Pérez Art Museum of Miami-Dade County (Miami-Dade); and Amanda Sanfilippo, Director of Development, Locust Projects (Miami-Dade). 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: Susan Thompson, Assistant Curator, Guggenheim (New York); Susan Kleinberg, Artist (New York); and Jose Carlos Diaz, Curator, Andy Warhol Museum (Pittsburgh, PA).

An exhibition featuring the works of the twelve recipients will be on view at the Art and Culture Center/Hollywood, 1650 Harrison Street in Hollywood, Florida from September 8, 2017 through October 22, 2017.

The deadline for applications to the 2016/2017 SFCC Program for Visual and Media Artists is Monday, October 31, 2016. Artists interested in applying should visit <http://www.miamidadepublicart.org/#fellowship>.

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The South Florida Cultural Consortium is a regional initiative in support of the arts governed by an Interlocal Agreement among the counties of Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach. The Consortium's members are the local arts agencies of these five counties, including the Broward County Cultural Division, the Arts Council of Martin County, the Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs, the Monroe County Arts Alliance, and the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. The Consortium works to foster cooperation across the South Florida region to help develop and promote the work of cultural organizations and artists and the audiences that they serve. Its programs and services range from the Visual and Media Artists Program to regional arts education and cultural tourism cooperative ventures. The South Florida Cultural Consortium is one of the most successful regional arts alliances in the nation, demonstrating that by sharing resources and best practices, the arts can thrive across a burgeoning five-county area.

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 serves its board, the Art in Public Places Trust, commissioning, curating, maintaining and promoting the County's art collection. The Department also manages, programs and operates the South Miami-Dade Cultural Arts Center, a campus of state-of-the-art cultural facilities in Cutler Bay, as well as Miami-Dade County Auditorium, Joseph Caleb Auditorium and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, all dedicated to presenting and supporting excellence in the arts for the entire community. 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 Council on Arts and Culture, 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.