



Eight Area Artists Receive Art Ventures Grants to Pursue Their Work

Awards mark the 25th year of grants from The Community Foundation's Art Ventures Fund

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – August 13, 2015 — Eight regional artists will be able to take the next step in their creative journey, thanks to individual grants from the Art Ventures Fund at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. These awards mark the 25th year that the Art Ventures Fund has made awards to individual artists who demonstrate a high level of artistic achievement and capacity to execute a “next level” project for their careers. The 2015 Art Ventures recipients will be featured in an exhibit at the UNF Gallery at MOCA, Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville from December 2, 2015 – January 17, 2016 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Art Ventures Fund.

“We were extremely pleased with the quality and diversity of the artists and the projects proposed,” said Amy Crane, program director for The Community Foundation. “Northeast Florida continues to flourish as an area where artists are inspired, and in turn, inspire the community around them.”

Each spring, The Community Foundation accepts individual artists’ applications for up to \$3,500, and a selection panel of past recipients, donors and subject area experts, makes recommendations for funding. This year’s awards, which total \$26,452, are being made to:

Patrick Barry, Film (Duval County), \$3,452 To purchase a film editing platform which will be used for various projects including the completion of a film documenting artist Nadine Terk’s project, “There for You,” in which she paints women whose bodies have been transformed by breast cancer.

Roy Berry, Photography, (Duval County), \$3,500 To purchase equipment and printing costs for the artist’s new photographic series, “Nostalgia,” an urban landscape project shot on film, which explores flawed perceptions of the past, particularly of the Old South.

Fabricio Farias, Visual Art (Duval County) \$2,200 To purchase large quantities of felt and clay to complete three installation art pieces which will explore religious themes embedded in the culture of the American South.

Ana Paula Habib, Film (Nassau County) \$3,400 To fund the completion of a short documentary about the fragile nature of the Indian River Lagoon and its habitats. The film will be used as a call to action to display the benefits of bringing the lagoon back to a state of health.

Darryl Reuben Hall, Music Composition (Duval County) \$3,500 To help fund a professional recording of original compositions from the artist’s play, “Drawn from the Water,” to help market the production for an Off-Broadway run of the show and to raise additional financial support.



Hiromi Moneyhun, Visual Art (Duval County) \$3,500 To properly mount and frame approximately 20 of the artist's paper cut pieces, allowing her to exhibit more widely.

Kate Garcia Rouh, Visual Art (Duval County) \$3,500 To fund participation in a masterclass of the Zager method of creating mosaics, resulting in a completed public project using the method.

Tony Walsh, Theatre (Clay County) \$3,500 To assist in producing "Southern Stories," a theatre piece based on the writings of Harriet Beecher Stowe for the Cala Vida Festival in Green Cove Springs.

The Art Ventures initiative is funded through the Art Ventures Endowment, the J. Shepard, Jr. & Mary Ann Bryan Arts Endowment, the Anne and Sallyn Pajcic Art Ventures Endowment, the Independent Life Minority Arts Fund, and the Alynne Sharp Art Fund.

The Art Ventures Fund also makes grants to small arts organizations in a separate selection process.

About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida

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