

Fall Newsletter

Dear Friends,

This message comes amidst multiple and devastating natural disasters and a roiling political climate. Within this context, FCA believes in supporting artists, whose resilience, diverse voices, commitment to free expression, and fresh perspectives are vital to the national discourse.

This summer, FCA made the second-ever Ellsworth Kelly Award to The Underground Museum. We also enlarged our Emergency Grants budget from \$200,000 to \$250,000. These grants, which support artists with urgent work-related needs, directly fund artists in a difficult political climate and also offer needed assistance to artists impacted by the recent hurricanes. Our 2016 grantee, Walter Dundervill, has a new work premiering at Pioneer Works and we have a special ticket offer below. Scroll down to learn more about these projects, and a limited-time discount on a special FCA poster. As always, we encourage you to follow FCA on Facebook and Instagram and stay up-to-date on our announcements and activities.

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Wishing you a calm and productive fall,

Stacy Tenenbaum Stark
Executive Director

2017 Ellsworth Kelly Award



This summer, FCA announced that [The Underground Museum](#) (The UM) received the 2017 [Ellsworth Kelly Award](#) for an exhibition of paintings by folk artist Abe Odedina, opening in spring 2019. By providing a financial catalyst for solo exhibitions of under-recognized artists, The Kelly Award is intended to offer transformational opportunities to these artists. FCA is pleased to make possible this first solo exhibition of Abe Odedina's work in the United States. You can read more in the August [ARTnews announcement](#).

Abe Odedina, *Consequence*, 2015. Acrylic on plywood, 39 x 32 inches. Courtesy of the artist and Ed Cross Fine Art. Photograph by Alan Roderick.

Emergency Grants Update



FCA's [Emergency Grants](#) program makes grants every month to individual artists with urgent work-related needs or sudden presentation opportunities. This summer, to meet the needs of the artist community at a turbulent time, FCA's Board increased the Emergency Grants budget from \$200,000 to \$250,000 for both 2017 and 2018. Follow FCA on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) and search #FCAgrants to see recently funded Emergency Grants projects.

Heather Dewey-Hagborg and Chelsea Manning, installation view of Emergency Grants-supported *Probably Chelsea*, Fridman Gallery, New York, NY, August 2 - September 5, 2017.

Grants to Artists Spotlight: Walter Dundervill



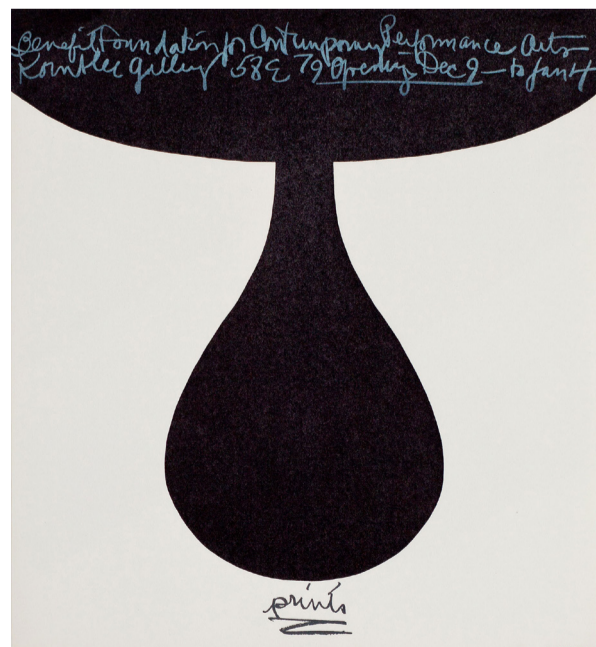
This fall, 2016 [Grants to Artists](#) recipient [Walter Dundervill](#) will premiere [Skybox](#) at Pioneer Works in Brooklyn. This work is commissioned by New York Live Arts through its Live Feed creative residency program and presented by New York Live Arts and Pioneer Works. In December 2016, Dundervill reported that most of his award money supported a new project called *Skybox*, including a research trip to Italy. "My introduction to 1st century Roman frescoes was revelatory. These frescoes have not only become a central concept to the practice and presentation of *Skybox*, but they have also inspired a future project."

Rehearsal of *Skybox*, 2016.

Use the code **FCASKYBOX** at check-out for \$5 off opening night tickets, including the post-show party.

[Skybox](#)
October 20-22
Pioneer Works, Brooklyn
[Tickets](#)

Special Price on Claes Oldenburg Designed Poster



Through October 17, we are offering a special price on a vintage [Claes Oldenburg poster](#) from FCA's 1967 "Prints" benefit exhibition at Kornblee Gallery. Purchase an unsigned copy for \$100 (originally \$150) or a signed copy for \$400 (originally \$550). All proceeds from FCA's art sales directly benefit our grants for individual artists. Browse FCA's entire collection on [our website](#).

Claes Oldenburg, "Prints: To Benefit the Foundation for Contemporary Performance Arts," Kornblee Gallery, 1967. Exhibition poster, 22 x 20 inches. Unsigned, \$100 (originally \$150).; Signed, \$400 (originally \$550).

Mission

Since its inception in 1963, FCA's mission has been to encourage, sponsor, and promote innovative work in the arts created and presented by individuals, groups, and organizations. For more information, please visit our [website](#).