Dear Friends,

FCA is pleased to announce our 2018 Grants to Artists and John Cage Award recipients. Made possible by the generosity of the artist community, this year FCA awarded nineteen grants totaling $760,000, the largest sum ever distributed to individual artists through these programs in FCA's history. The awards were announced on Tuesday in ARTnews, and all of this year's grantees are profiled below.

2018 also marks the inauguration of three new named awards. The Roy Lichtenstein Award, which you may remember from our summer 2017 newsletter, has been made to poet Fred Moten. This newsletter announces the Cy Twombly Award for Poetry and the C.D. Wright Award for Poetry, which have been made to poets Anne Boyer and Lisa Robertson. Created by the visual arts community to support poets, these awards underscore FCA's founding mission of visual artists supporting their peers across different fields of art-making. Read more about these awards in The New York Times.

With best wishes,

Stacy Tenenbaum Stark
Executive Director

The C.D. Wright Award for Poetry

This endowed annual award was established in 2017 with a gift from Ellsworth Kelly (1923-2015) and Jack Shear in memory of the poet, who died in 2016 at the age of 67. C.D. Wright was herself a 1999 recipient of a Grants to Artists award. The award is made annually through Grants to Artists to a poet over the age of 50 whose work exemplifies Wright's vibrant lyricism, seriousness, and striking originality. The inaugural recipient is Lisa Robertson. The award was announced in December on Poets & Writers.

C.D. Wright, 2002.

The Cy Twombly Award for Poetry

Cy Twombly © Fondazione Nicola Del Roscio

GRANTS TO ARTISTS

This annual grant is supported by a multi-year gift from the Cy Twombly Foundation in memory of the artist, who was one of FCA's earliest supporters and who was influenced by poetry throughout his lifetime. This unrestricted award is made annually through the Grants to Artists program to support a poet. The inaugural recipient is Anne Boyer.

DANCE

Ligia Lewis Yvonne Meier

MUSIC/SOUND

Mariana Valencia Netta Yerushalmy

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Sylvie Courvoisier
Bonnie Jones
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THE JOHN CAGE AWARD

Toshi Ichiyanagi

THE C.O.R.N. CAGE AWARD

Toshio Iwai