Dear Friends,

Earlier this month FCA gathered at The Kitchen to celebrate the 2018 Grants to Artists and John Cage Award recipients. With more grants than ever before, including three new awards named for artists connected to FCA's history, this year's celebration was exceptionally special. As we continue to expand the FCA community, we thank the artists, supporters, and friends who have surrounded us for the past 55 years.

Read on for photos of the Grants Reception, news of an incredibly generous matching gift from an FCA Board Member, and updates on FCA's collection of donated artwork and Emergency Grants program.

With best wishes,
Stacy Teenbaum Stark
Executive Director

2018 Grants Reception

In January, FCA announced the 2018 Grants to Artists awards and John Cage Award. In addition to the annual Robert Rauschenberg Award and Dorothea Tanning Award given through Grants to Artists, this year FCA inaugurated three new awards named for artists connected to FCA: the Roy Lichtenstein Award, the Cy Twombly Award for Poetry, and the C.D. Wright Award for Poetry. Earlier this month we held our annual grants reception to honor these nineteen artists; below are a few photos from the celebration.

The FCA 2018 Grants Reception at The Kitchen
Mxtrress of Ceremonies Justin Vivian Bond (2012 Grantee) and Mariana Valencia (2018 Grantee)
The three 2018 Poetry Grantees: Fred Moten (2018 Roy Lichtenstein Award Recipient), Lisa Robertson (2018 C.D. Wright Award for Poetry Recipient), and Anne Boyer (2018 Cy Twombly Award for Poetry Recipient)

Jack Shear (President, Ellsworth Kelly Foundation), Cecily Brown (FCA Board Member), Brecht Gander (C.D. Wright's son), and Agnes Gund (FCA Board Member)

Performance by Jodi Melnick (2011 Grantee) and Charles Atlas (2006 John Cage Award Recipient)

Ivan Forde (2014 Emergency Grantee) and Joshua Abrams (2018 Grantee)

All photos by Brad Farwell

New and Increased Donations to be Matched

Dance-based multidisciplinary artist Dean Moss received an Emergency Grant in December to present Petra at Performance Space New York in New York City, January 23-27. Photo by Ryutaro Mishima.

As FCA continues to expand its grant programs, we are thrilled to announce a new matching campaign! An FCA Board Member has generously committed to match 100% of new gifts, as well as any increased gifts made to FCA. Your support can make a significant impact this year in our goal to support more artists than ever through Grants to Artists and Emergency Grants.

20% off Prints from FCA's Collection of Donated Work

You can also support FCA's grant programs by purchasing a work of art. All of the works have been donated by artists, with all proceeds benefiting FCA's grant programs.

Through April 15, we are offering 20% off prints. Some exclusions apply. Browse prints, or view all donated artworks.

David Storey, Mr. W isterday, 1993, lithograph, 14" x 11 1/4" (image), 24" x 18" (sheet), 32" x 24 1/2" (frame).


Emergency Grants Update

Emergency Grants provide urgent funding for artists with last-minute opportunities to present their work to the public or unanticipated expenses for projects underway. In January 2018, an Emergency Grant of $1,000 provided Michael Williams, co-Founder and co-Director of Anti-Gravity Theatre Project, with performers fees for DEAR DIARY LOL, an ensemble-made co-medical performance work born verbatim from the real-life tween diaries of the show’s creators, on January 25 and 26 at FringeArts in Philadelphia. “Without this grant,” Williams wrote, “we would not have been able to guarantee our ensemble ANY payment before the performances, far from ideal for a group of freelance artists scraping their finances together each month.”

Year to date, FCA has already made 39 Emergency Grants totaling $64,753. Keep up with our monthly Emergency Grantees on Instagram and Facebook.

Mission

Since its inception in 1963, FCA’s mission has been to encourage, sponsor, and promote the arts. To this end, we support and promote innovative work in the arts created and presented by individuals, groups, and organizations. For more information, please visit our website.