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ARTISTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On Tuesday evening January 15th I had the pleasure of introducing the 2019 Poet Laureate of Tompkins County to the County Legislature. Melissa Tuckey was selected from a number of nominees by a panel convened for that purpose by CAP. Melissa has had a distinguished career as a poet, activist, organizer, teacher, and as co-founder of Split This Rock, a “national literary organization dedicated to calling poets to the center of public life.” She has published three books, two of her own poetry and the other an eco-justice anthology.

Melissa Tuckey and Bruce Levitt, introduced in the article below, are shining examples of the fact that art can go beyond being entertainment or a pretty picture on a wall. We are surrounded by art that can inspire, heal, lift our spirits, and invite us all to the center of public life.

— JOHN SPENCE, Executive Director

GRANTEE FOCUS

BRUCE LEVITT'S FILM "HUMAN AGAIN"



In 2018, CAP awarded over 30 local artists a Specific Opportunity Stipend. “SOS” is designed to help artists take advantage of significant career opportunities.

Bruce Levitt, Professor in the Department Performing and Media Arts at Cornell University, received an SOS grant to help him take advantage of an opportunity from Factory Films Limited to distribute his film, Human Again, which is about the Phoenix Players Theatre Group, or PPTG.

PPTG was founded in 2009 at the Auburn Correctional Facility, a maximum-security prison in Auburn New York, by a small group of incarcerated men dedicated to the idea that theatre work, combined with group inner healing work, is a true opportunity for them to connect and to become more fully human. Co-founder Michael Rhynes wrote: “Like the mythological “Phoenix”, we want to rise from the ashes of an unproductive and shameful past to live in the present as a redeemed person.”

Levitt has been a facilitator for PPTG for nine years. The group is led by the incarcerated men, but they have a core of theatre arts people who facilitate weekly workshops and help them write and perform their shows. Human Again is based on the development of one of those shows. The film has won a number of awards at national film festivals.

“This opportunity can raise the visibility for myself and the film world-wide,” Levitt says. “It will call attention to the issues of addressing trauma in incarcerated people, and lead to invitations for me to give presentations around the world, increasing my opportunity to advocate for drastic changes within the criminal justice system. The film is a powerful testimony to the human potential that is sometimes wasting away in prisons. **Thank you to CAP for providing support to this important program!** Visit www.phoenixplayersataburn.com to see their shows and learn more.

Visit our grant database of “Recent Grantees” at ArtsPartner.org

UPCOMING AT CAP - ROBIN SCHWARTZ, PROGRAM DIRECTOR

NEW: ARTIST NETWORKING EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday March 5, from 6:15pm to 7:30pm at Lot 10, CAP will launch a new program - the first of four annual free networking events for artists. Artists will get the opportunity to step up to a mic and let us all know what they need in 2019, i.e. help or collaborators for a project, writing or critique groups, knowledge, and more! We envision artists making new friends and expanding their connections and resources. Open to all artists. *Stay tuned for announcements about workshops in March and April!*

CAP BY THE NUMBERS

Our Most Recent Grant Cycles!

2019 Grants for Arts Programs
38
community organizations
\$46,500

2018 SOS Grants
32
artists
\$24,000

2019 Arts Education Grant
7
school residencies
\$9,000

2019 Artist in Community Grant
2
artists
\$5,000

2019 Arts & Culture Organizational Development
10
arts organizations
\$250,000



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CAP EVENTS AND DEADLINES

See ArtsPartner.org for all information!

FEBRUARY

- 2/1-2/28** Leanora Erica Mims Exhibit
 - 2/1** Gallery Night Opening, CAP ArtSpace
 - 2/2** First Saturday on the Art Trail
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MARCH

- 3/1** CAP moves to new location!
 - 3/2** First Saturday on the Art Trail
 - 3/5** Artist Networking Event at LOT 10
 - 3/11** SOS Grant Deadline
 - 3/14** Workshop - stay tuned
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APRIL

- 4/4** Gallery Night Opening, CAP ArtSpace
- 4/4-4/29** First Art Exhibit in New Location!
- 4/5** First Saturday on the Art Trail
- 4/18** Workshop - stay tuned

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