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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

**DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

**ANNOUNCES**

**GUIDELINES FOR**

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES (COLA) INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIPS**

**AND**

**ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE (AIR) PROGRAM**

LOS ANGELES, CA—The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) today announced the release of its 2019-2020 City of Los Angeles (COLA) Individual Artist Fellowships and Artists-in-Residence Guidelines. The City of

Los Angeles is one of the few remaining municipalities in the nation that funds grants to individual artists.

Guidelines and instructions can be found online at:

**COLA Individual Artist Fellowships Guidelines and Instructions:**

<https://dcaredesign.org/cola/>

**Artists-in-Residence Guidelines and Instructions:**

<https://dcaredesign.org/air/>

The deadline for online submission of the application for the City of Los Angeles (COLA) Individual Artist Fellowships is October 26, 2018.

The deadline for online submission of the application for the Artists-in-Residence and Artists-in-Residence Social Justice Program (AIR and AIR-SJ) is Friday, October 26, 2018.

“Our COLA Individual Artist Fellowships Program and our Artists-in-Residence Program support creative projects that reflect the core values of the Department of Cultural Affairs: access, equity, and excellence,” said Danielle Brazell, DCA’s General Manager. “DCA understands that artists are the drivers of our city’s creative energy. Our COLA Individual Artist Fellowships and our Artists-in-Residence Program are two essential ways DCA maintains that core value.”

The City of Los Angeles (COLA) Individual Artist Fellowships Program honors an assortment of Los Angeles’ best contemporary artists. The grants allow established and mid-career artists to create new work while DCA organizes an exhibition, performing arts showcase, and an online catalog to document and market the selected arts and their new works as part of the Los Angeles art scene. Fellowships are granted for the production, creation, presentation, exhibition, and managerial support of art projects in the following areas: culture/history, design, dance, media, music, literary arts, outdoor festivals/parades, theater, traditional/folk art, visual arts, and projects which are multi-disciplinary.

The Artists-in-Residence (AIR) Program supports individual artists who will gather, connect, and inspire audiences with limited exposure to artistic and cultural opportunities in community-based transformative art experiences. The Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) is also seeking a set of artist residencies within Social Justice Organizations (AIR-SJ). All AIR grants will support the City’s most qualified teaching artists throughout each City Council District.

 Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to bring the highest quality artistic

 and cultural services to Los Angeles residents and visitors. Since 1990, DCA has

 awarded over $70 million to local artists, organizations, and art events. In fiscal year 2018/19, the department will offer over more than $3.5 million in support to more than 290 local artists and organizations through its Grants Administration Division.

 Artists may apply to both the COLA Individual Artist Fellowships and to the Artists-in-Residence grants program, but should consider the time commitment required by each possible contractual obligation. A series of free webinar workshops will provide information about the grant guidelines and the application process. Please note the important deadlines below:

 **COLA Individual Artist Fellowships Program**

 The COLA Individual Artist Fellowships Program Online Webinar Workshop can be accessed at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/2d15NcT2UFk>

 The webinar has a running time of 30 minutes.

 Online Submission Deadline: **Friday, October 26, 2018**.

 Hard Copy Postmarked by: **Wednesday, October 31, 2018**.

**Artists-in-Residence Program (AIR and AIR-SJ)**

The AIR and AIR-SJ Online Webinar Workshop can be accessed at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/2Y7UbJDHp94>

The webinar has a running time of 30 minutes.

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**About the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)**

As a leading, progressive arts and cultural agency, DCA empowers Los Angeles’s vibrant communities by supporting and providing access to quality visual, literary, musical, performing, and educational arts programming; managing vital cultural centers; preserving historic sites; creating public art; and funding services provided by arts organizations and individual artists.

Formed in 1925, DCA promotes arts and culture as a way to ignite a powerful dialogue, engage LA’s residents and visitors, and ensure LA’s varied cultures are recognized, acknowledged, and experienced. DCA’s mission is to strengthen the quality of life in Los Angeles by stimulating and supporting arts and cultural activities, ensuring public access to the arts for residents and visitors alike.

DCA advances the social and economic impact of arts and culture through grantmaking, public art, community arts, performing arts, and strategic marketing, development, design, and digital research. DCA creates and supports arts programming, maximizing relationships with other city agencies, artists, and arts and cultural nonprofit organizations to provide excellent service in neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles.

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