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**City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
Presents the 2016
City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships
Honoring the City’s Creative Spirit**

**Exhibition Dates: May 15 to July 3, 2016
Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery**

Exhibition Opening Reception: May 15, 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Los Angeles - The City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA), the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery (LAMAG), and the Barnsdall Art Park Foundation (BAPF) are pleased to present the **2016 City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artists Fellowships**. The program’s visual arts exhibition will be on view at DCA’s Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery located at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard in Barnsdall Park, from May 15 through July 3, 2016, with an opening reception on May 15, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The C.O.L.A. Literary reading will be held on June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Performances.

Awarded annually by DCA, the C.O.L.A. Fellowships support the creation of new works by a selection of the City’s most exemplary mid-career artists. The C.O.L.A. exhibition honors these creative visionaries and nurtures the symbiotic relationship between LA, its artists, its history, and its identity as an international arts capital.

Chosen by a team of experts, the 2016 C.O.L.A. award recipients in the visual arts include: **Paolo Davanzo, Marsian De Lellis, Keiko Fukazawa, Megan Geckler, Won Ju Lim, Blue McRight, Sandeep Mukherjee, Christine Nguyen, and Jim Skuldt**. The 2016 C.O.L.A. award recipients in literature are **Sarah Maclay, Claudia Rodriguez, and Lynne Thompson**. Each artist will present new work created specifically for C.O.L.A. with a \$10,000 grant awarded by DCA.



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"Los Angeles is the creative crossroads of the world, with a dynamic and diverse arts scene," said **Mayor Garcetti**. "The C.O.L.A. grants from L.A.'s Department of Cultural Affairs are an investment in our local artists, and the new works they produce through this program enhance our city as a global destination for art, culture, and creativity."

DCA will present **Conversations with the Artists** on May 21 and on June 4, 18, and 25, 2016. The series is designed to give audiences the opportunity to engage directly with featured artists in an informal setting:

Conversations with the Artists:

Saturday, May 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Christine Nguyen
Sandeep Mukherjee

Saturday, June 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Megan Geckler with Shana Nys Dambrot
Marsian De Lellis with Alison de Fren

Saturday, June 18 at 2:00 p.m.

Blue McRight with Kay Whitney

Saturday, June 25 at 2:00 p.m.

Paolo Davanzo
Won Ju Lim

In addition, a **Family Art Workshop** on June 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. will explore art making inspired by the C.O.L.A. exhibition at LAMAG.

This year's C.O.L.A. exhibition represents a diverse cross-section of well-known and accomplished artists whose works have made a mark on the Los Angeles arts scene. Designed by Jody Zellen, the online C.O.L.A. website can be found at: **cola2016.lamag.org**. Admission is free for all events.

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

As a leading, progressive arts and cultural agency, **DCA** empowers Los Angeles' 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.



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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, and strategic marketing and development. 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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About DCA’s Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery at Barnsdall Park:

The **Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery (LAMAG)** is the flagship exhibition space for the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA). LAMAG showcases the work of emerging, mid-career, and established artists whose contributions enhance the culture of the city and help make creativity LA’s number one economic engine. The Gallery’s reputation for supporting Los Angeles artists and cultural communities through its exhibitions is unparalleled.

The original gallery, a temporary structure designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, was built in 1954. The current 10,000 square foot gallery opened in 1971, presenting and interpreting successive waves of artists and movements.

Today, exhibitions of contemporary art are developed by DCA’s curatorial staff and invited guest curators. LAMAG has premiered the artwork of the recipients of DCA’s annual City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships for several years and continues to collaborate with important arts and cultural institutions.

LAMAG is located at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA, 90027. The Gallery is open Thursdays through Sundays, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. For general information, please call 323.644.6269 or visit lamag.org.

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