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**Presents the 2017/18**

**City of Los Angeles (C.O.L.A.) Individual Artist Fellowships**

**Honoring the City’s Creative Spirit**

**Exhibition Dates: May 3 to June 24, 2018**

**Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery**

Exhibition Opening Reception: April 29, 2018, 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 **2018 City of Los Angeles (COLA) 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 3 through June 24, 2018 with an opening reception on April 29 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. The C.O.L.A. Literary Readings will be held on June 15 and 16 at 8:00 p.m. at Grand Performances at California Plaza.

Awarded annually to Los Angeles based artists 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 the synergetic relationship between LA, its artists, its history, and its identity as an international arts capital.

These Fellows were chosen in three review-rounds by nine interdisciplinary peer panelists who were curators, educators, nonprofit gallerists, museum directors, and/or past COLA Fellows.

The 2017/18 C.O.L.A. Fellows in the design/visual arts, literary arts\*, and performing arts\*\* are:

**David Hullfish Bailey  
Guillermo Bert  
Terry Braunstein  
Cassils  
Sandra de la Loza  
Michelle Dizon  
Tim Durfee  
June Edmonds  
d. Sabela Grimes\*\*  
Peter J. Harris\*  
Michele O’Marah  
Julie Shafer  
Doris Sung  
Kristina Wong\*\***

C.O.L.A. Fellows are the types of unique civic entrepreneurs that we need in this city,” said DCA General Manager Danielle Brazell. “DCA is proud to honor these creative visionaries and nurture their symbiotic relationships with LA and other artists and the city’s history and identity as an international arts capital.”

“C.O.L.A. Fellows represent the spectrum of LA’s exemplary mid-career artists,” said DCA Grants Administration Division Director Joe Smoke. “The C.O.L.A. grants allow these accomplished, influential, and not yet ultra-famous artists to create new work that the City of Los Angeles will premiere for the general public in one or more group presentations accompanied by a promotional catalog as well as educational artist talks.”

The C.O.L.A. visual arts exhibition will take place at DCA’s Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery located at 4800 Hollywood Boulevard in Barnsdall Park; and the C.O.L.A. performance and literary showcase will occur at Grand Performances at California Plaza in downtown LA. The C.O.L.A. 2018 catalog will be designed and published by Susan Silton, a former C.O.L.A. awardee.

**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 grant-making, 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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