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BUSH ARTIST PROGRAM CHOOSES 38 FELLOWSHIP FINALISTS

Saint Paul, Minn. (March 17, 2010)—Three panels of nationally recognized artists and other arts professionals have chosen 38 media, visual, and traditional and functional craft artists as finalists for the 2010 Bush Artist Fellowships (BAF) from a competitive field of more than 500 applicants. The \$50,000 fellowship is the largest artist grant in the Upper Midwest and one of only three open-application artist fellowships of this size in the United States. *(A list of finalists follows this release; [bios and photos of the finalists](#) are available at the “Recent News at Bush” link on www.bushfoundation.org.)*

The Bush Artist Fellowships are designed to strengthen the work of regional artists, to foster their artistic careers and to explore work that stimulates community dialogue. The \$48,000 fellowships are awarded to artists who exhibit strong vision, creative energy, commitment to excellence and community engagement. In addition, fellows receive assistance in developing an individualized communications plan, along with \$2,000 to implement the plan. All BAF finalists who are not awarded fellowships will receive \$1,000 in recognition of their accomplishments.

The 2010 fellowships are focused on three categories: **media arts** (working with digital media including but not limited to narrative, documentary, animation or experimental time-based works using audio, digital, film and/or video media, as well as computer arts), **traditional and functional craft arts** (all functional forms of traditional or contemporary craft arts including but not limited to weaving, quilting, woodcarving, basketry, metal work, beadwork, ceramics, glass, wood, metal, fiber and recycled materials) and **visual arts** (two- and three-dimensional forms including but not limited to painting, photography, printmaking, works on paper, collage, mixed media, sculpture, installation, artists books, cartooning, ceramics and fiber arts).

Fellowship applicants began the competitive award process in fall 2009 by submitting a written application with an artist statement and samples of their work. Panels of artists and other arts professionals who are experts in each field of work (and who are from outside the eligibility region of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota) reviewed 511 applications over the winter, honing the finalist list to fewer than 10 percent of the applicants. An interdisciplinary panel meets in April 2010 to choose up to 15 fellows from the 38 finalists.

The Bush Artist Program will announce fellows at a June 14 public event that will also include announcement of the 2010 recipients of the \$100,000 Enduring Vision Awards, given to three mature artists each year and designed to propel their artistic investigations and to encourage their continued influence on present and future generations of artists, audiences and their own fields of work.

*The **Bush Artist Program (BAP)**, established in 1976, is one of two fellowship programs of the Bush Foundation. The BAP consists of two grant initiatives—the Enduring Vision Awards and the Bush Artist Fellowships. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife Edyth, the **Bush Foundation** strives to be a catalyst to shape vibrant communities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota and the 23 Native nations that share the same geography, by investing in courageous and effective leadership that significantly strengthens and improves the well-being of people in those areas. Learn more about the Bush Artist Program and the Bush Foundation at www.bushfoundation.org.*

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Finalists for the 2010 Bush Artist Fellowships

(Bios and photos of the finalists are available at the "Recent News at Bush" link on www.bushfoundation.org.)

Harriet Bart	Minneapolis, MN	www.harrietbart.com
Beatrix*JAR (Bianca Pettis and Jacob Aaron Roske)	St. Paul, MN	www.beatrixjar.com
Arlene Birt	Minneapolis, MN	www.arlenebirt.com
Elizabeth Bucheit	Lanesboro, MN	www.crowntrout.com
Julie Buffalohead	St. Paul, MN	
Cedric N. Chatterley	Sioux Falls, SD	
Morgan Clifford	Stillwater, MN	
Teresa Cox	St. Paul, MN	www.teresacox.com
Nancy Ann Coyne	Minneapolis, MN	www.speakingofhome.org
Gina Dabrowski	St. Paul, MN	www.ginadabrowski.com
Liza Davitch	Minneapolis, MN	
Dan Francis	Fargo, ND	www.danfrancisphotography.com
Samantha Yelensky Goodner	Minneapolis, MN	
Lori Greene	St. Paul, MN	www.greenemosaic.com
Dan F. Jerome	Belcourt, ND	
Joel Jonientz	Grand Forks, ND	
Michael Kareken	Minneapolis, MN	www.michaelkareken.com
Debra Lynn Korluka	Stillwater, MN	www.icon-art-studios.com
Mali Kouanchao	Minneapolis, MN	www.djai.net/mali
Jimmy R. Longoria	Hopkins, MN	www.jimmylongoria.com
Dean J. Lucker	St. Paul, MN	
Anthony Marchetti	Minneapolis, MN	www.anthonymarchetti.com
Polly Sandvik Norman	Minneapolis, MN	www.pollynormanart.com
Beth Pacunas	Minneapolis, MN	
Jack F.X. Pavlik	Minneapolis, MN	www.mnartists.org/Jack_Pavlik
Keri Pickett	Minneapolis, MN	www.pickettphoto.com
Carlos Rojas	Golden Valley, MN	www.mnartists.org/artistHome.do?rid=118733
Megan Rye	Edina, MN	www.meganrye.com
Nelda Schrupp	Lakota, ND	www.designsbynelda.com
Andy Singer	St. Paul, MN	www.andysinger.com
Gerald Smith	Maple Plain, MN	www.stemcellstudios.com ; www.mnartists.org/work.do?rid=250319
Tobechi Tobechukwu	Minneapolis, MN	www.studiotobechi.com
Star Wallowing Bull	Moorhead, MN	www.starwallowingbull.com
Delina L. White	Deer River, MN	
John Whitehead	St. Paul, MN	www.fretlessfilms.com
Donovan Widmer	Grand Forks, ND	www.donovanwidmer.com
Daniel Alan Young	St. Paul, MN	
Nate Young	Minneapolis, MN	