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Cultural Council for Palm Beach County Announces 2022 Artist Innovation Fellowship Recipients

LAKE WORTH BEACH, Fla. (Oct. 29, 2021) — The **Cultural Council for Palm Beach County** announced yesterday the recipients of its **2022 Artist Innovation Fellowship Program**. Aligned with the Council's mission to champion, engage and grow the arts in Palm Beach County, this funding program was designed to celebrate the artistic process and support professional artists in all disciplines.

The Cultural Council launched the Artist Innovation Fellowship program in 2020 by awarding five inaugural fellows. Due to the success of the program, the Cultural Council has expanded the program this year to award six **\$7,500 Artist Innovation Fellowships** to the following creative professionals:

- **Elizabeth Dimon**, actor (West Palm Beach)
- **Kianga Jinaki**, visual artist (Riviera Beach)
- **Henriett Michel**, visual artist (Palm Beach Gardens)
- **Yvette Norwood-Tiger**, vocalist (Wellington)
- **Shanique Scott**, choreographer (Belle Glade)
- **Carin Wagner**, visual artist (Palm Beach Gardens)

Funds can be used for supplies, research, instruction, apprenticeships, travel or other experiences. The program gives recipients an opportunity to think big, pursue creative growth, and find new avenues of inspiration that propel their careers forward — without the constraints of budgets or specific outcomes. Activities must take place from **Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2022**.

The program will conclude with a **group showcase in the spring of 2023** at the Cultural Council's headquarters in downtown Lake Worth Beach. This gives the public an opportunity to see the results of this unique fellowship program and celebrate the fellows' accomplishments.

"Celebrating innovation and creativity are hallmarks of the Cultural Council's work," said **Dave Lawrence**, president & CEO. "We are honored to support these six artists as our newest Artist Innovation Fellows. We look forward to seeing how the fellowship program ignites new creativity and supports the continued artistic growth of these six exceptional creatives."

Selection Process & Recognition

Earlier this summer, the Cultural Council offered **free workshops** in Belle Glade, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and West Palm Beach prior to the application deadline. The workshops provided information on building successful applications, specifics regarding the program timeline, grant-writing tips and more. The Council received applications from across Palm Beach County, and fellowships were awarded to applicants who demonstrated a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment and artistic excellence.

A **regional panel** of discipline-specific arts professionals evaluated and selected applicants before making a recommendation to the Council's board of directors for final approval. The fellows were announced on Thursday, Oct. 28 during a press preview of the Council's first exhibition of the season, "Gathering."

For more information about the Artist Innovation Fellowship, visit palmbeachculture.com/AIFP.

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About the Cultural Council for Palm Beach County

The Cultural Council for Palm Beach County is the only organization solely dedicated to supporting arts and culture in The Palm Beaches, Florida's Cultural Capital®. In its sustaining effort to foster growth of the cultural sector, the Council provides support services to cultural organizations and creative professionals, administers public and private grant programs, advocates for cultural funding, enhances local arts education, and promotes cultural tourism.

The Council serves as a venue highlighting works by Palm Beach County visual and performing artists at its headquarters in the historic Robert M. Montgomery, Jr. Building in Downtown Lake Worth Beach. The building is also home to the Roe Green Uniquely Palm Beach Store featuring items by local artisans; the Jean S. and Frederic A. Sharf Visitor Information Center; and the outdoor Project Space, offering the best view of the building's iconic Martin Luther King Jr. mural by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra.

The Council is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, 12 to 5 p.m., with special guidelines to ensure the health and safety of all guests and staff. Facial coverings and social distancing are required at the Council and its outdoor Project Space at all times.

For more information, including a comprehensive calendar of cultural events in The Palm Beaches, visit palmbeachculture.com.