Leeway Foundation Announces Fall 2015 Art and Change Grantees

28 women and trans artists and cultural producers receive project-based grants to further social change in the Delaware Valley

PHILADELPHIA – The Leeway Foundation recently announced $67,500 in grants to 28 women and trans* artists and cultural producers in Greater Philadelphia, supporting their work to address a range of social change issues.

Leeway’s Art and Change Grant provides project-based funds of up to $2,500 to women and trans artists and cultural producers who: propose a project that impact a larger group, audience or community; have financial need; and live in the Delaware Valley area. The grant supports artists practicing a variety of disciplines including performance, crafts and textiles, and visual arts.

The following 28 artists were awarded grants (in alphabetical order):

Allison McDaniel, Fishtown
Visual Arts

Ana B. Hernandez, West Philadelphia
Crafts & Textiles/Visual Arts

Betty Lawrence, Overbrook Farms
Visual Arts

Byheijja Sabree, Camden
Performance/Folk Art

Carman Spoto, Pennsport
Media Arts/Visual Arts

Cleonice Fonseca, Germantown
Folk Art/Performance

Debra Powell-Wright, Aldan of Delaware County
Literary Arts

Elizabeth Hamilton, Northeast Philadelphia
Visual Arts

Erika Guadalupe Nunez, West Philadelphia
Visual Arts

Erin Bernard, South Philadelphia
Multi-Disciplinary

Faith Bartley, North Philadelphia
Multi-Disciplinary

Fran Harmoni, Frankford
Media Arts/Folk Art

Grey Nebraska, University City
Literary Arts/Media Arts

Jennifer Kidwell, Fishtown
Performance

Judith Sachs, Queen Village
Performance

Linda Fernandez and Anne Harrison, South Philadelphia
Crafts & Textiles/Visual Arts

Lisa Nelson-Haynes, Lansdowne of Delaware County
Media Arts

Marie Nyenbo, Southwest Philadelphia
Music/Folk Art

Mary DeWitt, Media
Visual Arts/Media Arts

Mir Masud-Elias, West Philadelphia
Multi-Disciplinary

Monnette Sudler-Honesty, Germantown
Music

Nimisha Ladva, Wynnewood of Montgomery County
Performance/Literary Arts

Sarah Alderman, Unionville of Chester County
Media Arts/Crafts & Textiles

Sarah Green, West Philadelphia
Visual Arts

Sarah Mitteldorf, East Falls
Performance

Tara Burk, Washington Square West
Visual Arts/Literary Arts

Yvonne Lung, Chinatown
Multi-Disciplinary
Art and Change Grants are distributed twice a year and evaluated by an independent peer review panel. The August 2015 review panel consisted of facilitator and healing justice artist Qui Dorian, quilter and doll maker Ra’sheeda Bey, and filmmaker Wazmah Osman.

Applications are made available on the Leeway website, and may also be obtained by calling 215.545.4078 or emailing info@leeway.org. Potential applicants are encouraged to attend one of the many support sessions offered throughout the year, or schedule an appointment with a staff member for one-on-one support. The next Art and Change Grant deadline is March 1, 2016.

Press inquiries and photo requests should be directed to Denise Beek at (215) 545-4078, ext. 14 or dbeek@leeway.org.

*We use the term “trans” in its most inclusive sense, as an umbrella term encompassing transsexual, transgender, genderqueer, Two-Spirit people, and more generally, anyone whose gender identity or gender expression is nonconforming and/or different from their gender assigned at birth.

ABOUT LEEWAY
The Leeway Foundation supports women and transgender artists and cultural producers working in communities at the intersection of art, culture, and social change. Through our grantmaking and other programs we promote artistic expression that amplifies the voices of those on the margins, promotes sustainable and healthy communities, and works in the service of movements for economic and social justice. For more information about Leeway, its grant programs, grantees and events, visit www.leeway.org.

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