



B A K E R artist portfolios

GREATER BALTIMORE CULTURAL ALLIANCE

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February 24, 2016 (Baltimore, MD) The Baker Artist Portfolios is pleased to announce the Finalists for the 2016 Baker Artist Awards. Of the 684 Portfolios submitted this year, these 39 artists have been selected by an anonymous jury for exemplifying a dedication to art, mastery of craft, and a commitment to excellence.

2016 Baker Artist Award Finalists:

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| Susan Alcorn (Music) | Natan Lawson (Visual) |
| Amber Eve Anderson (Inter/ Multi-Disciplinary) | Rosemary Liss (Visual) |
| Richard Chisolm (Film/ Video) | Naoko Maeshiba (Performance) |
| Trina Coleman (Music) | John Mann (Film/ Video) |
| Peter Cullen (Visual) | David Marion (Visual) |
| Elizabeth Dickinson (Literature) | Amy Boone-McCreesh (Visual) |
| Tracy Dimond (Literature) | Meshelle The Indie-Mom of Comedy (Performance) |
| Alex Ebstein (Visual) | Quentin Moseley (Visual) |
| Bobby English (Performance) | Christine Neill (Visual) |
| Jenn Figg and Matthew McCormac (Inter/ Multi-Disciplinary) | Lola B Pierson (Performance) |
| Jeffrey Gangwisch (Inter/ Multi-Disciplinary) | Ada Pinkston (Inter/ Multi-Disciplinary) |
| Vin Grabill (Film/ Video) | Matthew Porterfield (Film/ Video) |
| Jen Grow (Literature) | Shelley Puhak (Literature) |
| Hermonie, Only (Visual) | Stephanie Schafer (Visual) |
| Ryan Johnson (Performance) | Bill Schmidt (Visual) |
| Marcia Kamper (Music) | Joyce J. Scott (Visual) |
| Christopher Kojzar (Inter/ Multi-Disciplinary) | Juston Sirois (Literature) |
| Joseph Kraemer (Film/ Video) | Meng Su (Music) |
| Trisha Kyner (Visual) | Vincent Thomas (Performance) |
| | Victoria Vox (Music) |

From this collection, 5 artists will be chosen to win this years awards:

- The \$50,000 Mary Sawyers Imboden prize
- The \$20,000 Mary Sawyers Baker Prize
- One of Three \$5,000 Prizes: Nancy Haragan Awards, Semmes G. Walsh Award, and the Board of Governors Award

The winners of the 2016 Baker Artist Awards will be announced on Thursday, May 12th on a special episode of Maryland Public Television's *Artworks* program, and will also receive an exhibition at the *Baltimore Museum of Art* in the summer of 2016.

You can view the Finalists page here: <http://bakerartist.org/finalists/>

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About The Baker Artist Portfolios

The Baker Artist Portfolios were created to support artists and promote Greater Baltimore as a strong creative community. The online portfolios are open to artists working in all disciplines who live and work in Baltimore City and its five surrounding counties. The portfolios expose area artists' work to regional, national and international audiences. The site has been viewed by hundreds of thousands of art lovers, critics, gallery owners, academics, and leaders in creative business in nearly every country around the globe. The program serves artists of all disciplines

The portfolios and associated awards were established by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund and are a program of the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance.

About The Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance

The Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance (GBCA) is an inclusive and independent organization that believes that arts and culture are essential to the vitality of the Greater-Baltimore region and that the cultural community is stronger together than apart.

Conceived in 1997 and incorporated in 2001, GBCA nurtures and promotes a vibrant, diverse, and sustainable arts and cultural community essential to the region's quality of life. Its goals are to connect artists and organizations to one another and to vital resources through funding, technical assistance, and convening to advocate for the health, visibility, and financial strength of the sector with communications and other strategies that result in public and private support.

GBCA is a membership and service organization for arts, culture, history, heritage organizations, and attractions, as well as universities and colleges and individual artists. GBCA serves organizations and artists in Baltimore City and Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

About The William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund

The William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund commits its resources to enhance the region's economy and quality of life by making investments in arts and culture. Its grants support artistic and cultural organizations and their partners through initiatives that enhance an individual's sense of self and pleasure and make Baltimore a more attractive place to live and work.

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