

## McKnight Visual Artist Discussion Series at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia)



Artist work from left to right, top to bottom: Leah Edelman-Brier, Monica Haller, Pao Houa Her, Caroline Kent, Tia-Simone Gardner, Jay Heikes, Erik Benson, Julie Buffalohead.

This discussion series features the 2016 McKnight Visual Artist Fellows in conversation with nationally-renown art curators and critics, offering audiences an opportunity to learn about the fellowship recipients and how their work intersects with broader contemporary art ideas and concerns.

The McKnight Fellowships for Visual Artists is a highly competitive fellowship program that identifies talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage that is beyond emerging. Each year the program supports eight established artists by providing unrestricted awards of \$25,000 that can help an artist set aside time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity; or work on a new project.

In addition to the cash award, the fellows invite six nationally recognized critics into their studios for in depth conversations on their work. Four of the critics return to participate in the public panel discussion that pairs one critic with two McKnight Visual Artist Fellows.

### **McKnight Visual Artist Discussion Series Schedule**

- Friday, February 16, 2018: Christian Viveros-Fauné, independent critic and curator in conversation with Leah Edelman-Brier and Monica Haller
- Friday, March 23, 2018: Andria Hickey, curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland in conversation with Pao Houa Her and Caroline Kent
- Friday, April 6, 2018: Jamillah James, curator at the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles in conversation with Tia-Simone Gardner and Jay Heikes
- Friday, June 1, 2018: Hrag Vartanian, critic, curator, editor and co-founder of Hyperallergic in conversation with Erik Benson and Julie Buffalohead

The discussion series is co-presented with the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Fellowships are generously funded by the McKnight Foundation and administered by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

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