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### **The Center for Cultural Innovation Announces Grants to 7 Bay Area Performing Arts and Media Arts Artists**

The Center for Cultural Innovation (CCI) today announced seven recipients in the Performing Arts and Media Arts round of funding under its *Investing in Artists* grants program, which is designed to build the personal and creative capacity of Bay Area's artists working in these mediums.

The *Investing in Artists* grants program was established by the Center for Cultural Innovation (CCI) in 2007 to enhance the working lives and strengthen the creative support system for California artists. Since that time, CCI has awarded over \$2 million to 270 diverse artists working in various disciplines across the state. Through the continued support of The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, CCI is pleased to offer an additional three rounds of funding (2015-2017) for the Investing in Artists program for Bay Area performing and media artists.

The 2015 Performing Arts and Media Arts Round of the *Investing in Artists* grant program provides support to individual artists who demonstrate Artistic Innovation. CCI is pleased to announce the following seven (7) recipients of this year's *Investing in Artists* grants:

- Zena Allen (Music)
- Karl Cronin (Music)
- Seth Eisen (Theater)
- Nathaniel Justiniano (Theater)
- Dohee Lee (Dance/Media)
- Vero Majano (Multidisciplinary)
- Brontez Purnell (Dance/Media)

"CCI believes that directly supporting artists and their artistic endeavors is essential to the vitality and diversity of expression in society," said CCI President and CEO, Angie Kim. "Our investments in these 7 artists will do just that. We feel privileged and proud to be recognizing such outstanding artists.

A panel of distinguished experts assisted CCI in reviewing the *Investing in Artists* applications, including: Valéria Miranda (Dancer; Arts Education Consultant; Founder/Director, Vida Arts); Lisa Steindler (Executive Artistic Director, Z Space); Tyese Wortham (Dancer; Project Manager, Community Arts Stabilization Trust); Donald Young (Director of Programs, Center for Asian American Media) and Jayna Swartzman-Brosky (Program Director, Bay Area, Center for Cultural Innovation).

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About CCI: The Center for Cultural Innovation (CCI) was founded in 2001 as a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. Its mission is to promote knowledge sharing, networking, and financial independence for individual artists and creative entrepreneurs by providing business training, grants, and incubating innovative projects that create new program knowledge, tools, and practices for artists in the field.

For more information about the Center for Cultural Innovation and the *Investing in Artists* grants program please go to CCI's website at [www.cciarts.org](http://www.cciarts.org).

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