

Delaware Division of the Arts Announces 2018 Individual Artist Fellowship Awardees



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Seventeen Delaware artists are being recognized by the Division for the high quality of their artwork. Work samples from 124 Delaware choreographers, composers, musicians, writers, folk and visual artists were reviewed by out-of-state arts professionals, considering demonstrated creativity and skill in their art form. The 17 selected fellows reside throughout Delaware including Lewes, Newark, Rehoboth Beach, and Wilmington.

Awards are given in three categories – \$10,000 for the **Masters Award**, \$6,000 for the **Established Professional Award**, and \$3,000 for the **Emerging Professional Award** – and Fellows are required to offer at least one exhibit or performance during the upcoming year, providing an opportunity for the public to experience their work. The work of the Fellows will be featured in a group exhibition, *Award Winners XVIII*, at the Biggs Museum this summer.

“Individual Artist Fellowship grants provide the recognition and exposure that artists need to successfully promote their work,” said Paul Weagraff, director of Delaware Division of the Arts. “The financial award allows them to pursue advanced training, purchase equipment and materials, or fulfill other needs to advance their careers.”

The Masters Fellowship is open to differing artistic

disciplines each year. In Fiscal Year 2018, Masters Fellowship applications were accepted in Dance, Jazz or Music from artists who had previously received an Established Professional Fellowship. In addition to exemplifying high artistic quality, Masters Fellowship applicants must demonstrate their involvement and commitment to the arts in Delaware. Listed below are the Delaware Division of the Arts 2018 Individual Artist Fellows and four Honorable Mentions.

Musician and educator **Lloyd Shorter** has been awarded this year's Masters Fellowship in Music: Solo Recital. Shorter plays English horn, oboe, and oboe d'amore. This season marks Shorter's 45th season with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra. He is also a performer and Co-Artistic Director of the Relâche Ensemble, an eight-member contemporary music ensemble based in Philadelphia. With Relâche he has recorded or performed new works, toured nationally and internationally, and collaborated with numerous composers including Philip Glass. At the University of Delaware, Shorter spent 34 years as Assistant Professor of Oboe, and was the Director for the Governor's School Music Program and a member of the Del Arte Woodwind Quintet. He continues to teach privately and explore new music with a special interest in technology.

2018 Individual Artist Fellows

Masters Award (\$10,000)

Name	Community	Artistic Discipline
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Lloyd Shorter	Wilmington	Music: Solo Recital
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Established Professional Award (\$6,000)

Name	Community	Artistic Discipline
Dennis Beach	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Jack Clemons	Lewes	Literature: Fiction
Thomas Del Porte	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Ellen Durkan	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Maribeth Fischer	Lewes	Literature: Creative Nonfiction
David P. Kozinski	Wilmington	Literature: Poetry
Lawrence Stomberg	Wilmington	Music: Solo Recital
Joan Warburton-Phibbs	Wilmington	Dance: Choreography

Emerging Artist Award (\$3,000)

Name	Community	Artistic Discipline
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Leah Beach	Rehoboth Beach	Visual Arts: Photography
Kevin Bielicki	Newark	Visual Arts: Sculpture
Joyce Chen	Wilmington	Music: Solo Recital
Jen Epler	Wilmington	Literature: Fiction
Gemelle John	Wilmington	Literature: Poetry
Lauren E. Peters	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Painting
Robert Waters	Lewes	Media Arts: Video/Film
Shannon Connor Winward	Newark	Literature: Fiction

Honorable Mention

Name	Community	Artistic Discipline
Teresa Clifton	Milford	Literature: Fiction
Charles Guerin	Dover	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Isai Jess Muñoz	Hockessin	Music: Solo Recital
Terence Roberts	Wilmington	Visual Arts: Photography

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The next deadline for Individual Artist Fellowship applications will be Tuesday, August 1, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.

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