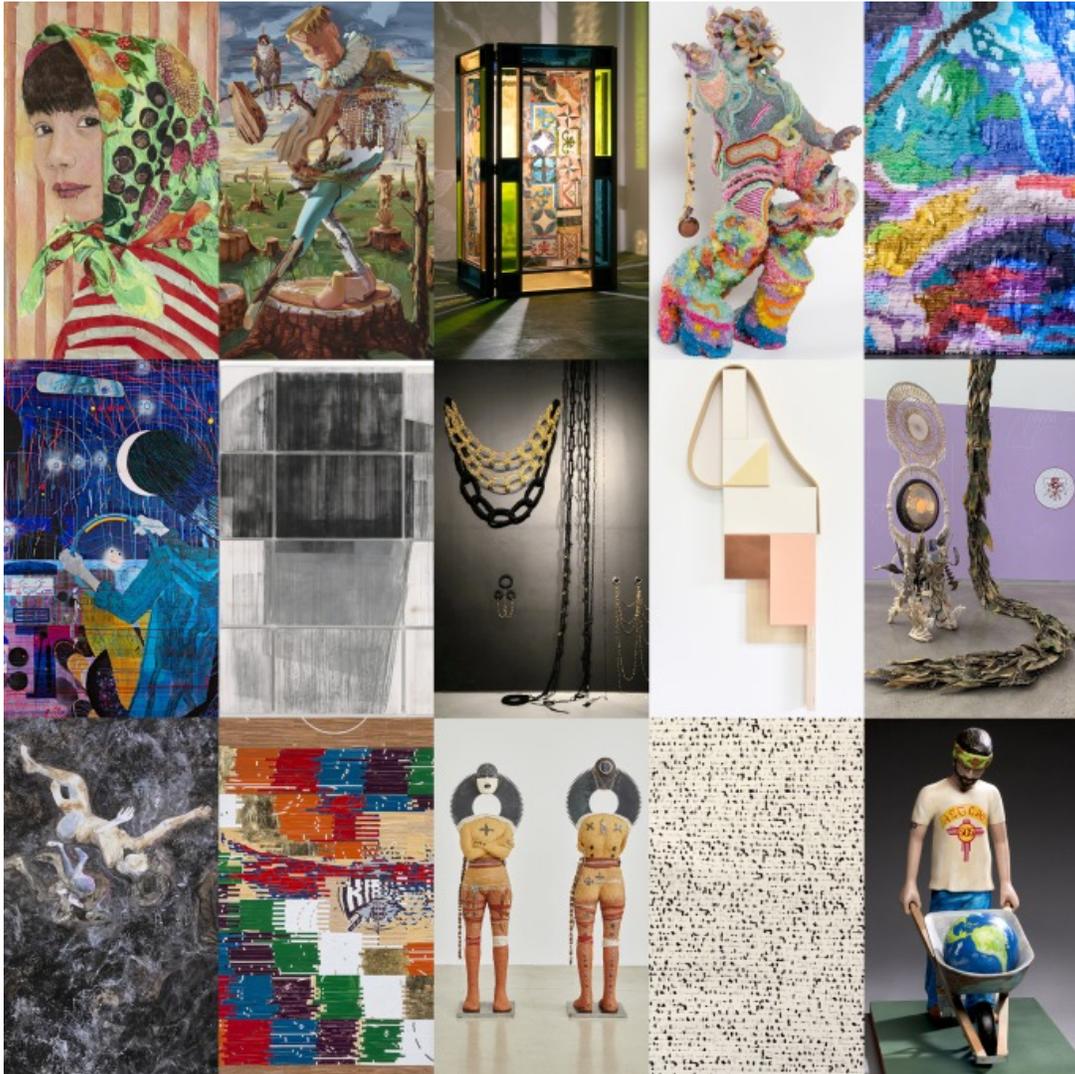


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Rose B. Simpson: "Joan Mitchell Foundation Names Inaugural Winners of \$60,000 Fellowships"

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A composite of artworks by the 15 fellowship recipients. Courtesy the Joan Mitchell Foundation

The New York-based [Joan Mitchell Foundation](#) has announced the inaugural recipients of its Joan Mitchell Fellowships, which provide 15 artists working in painting and sculpture with unrestricted \$60,000 grants. The funds will be disbursed over a five-year span, during which the awardees will also be given access to networking opportunities with arts professionals and mentorship programs.

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Among the recipients are the Colombian-born María Berrío, whose large-scale collage works probe themes of identity and migration; Angela Hennessy, an Oakland-based artist and educator who often incorporates hair and cloth into massive sculptures exploring death and grief; Japanese American painter Chie Fueki, who is known for blending Eastern and Western folk and decorative arts styles via detailed paintings created on mulberry paper and wood panels; and the Brooklyn-born Kambui Olujimi, whose work has centered on community activism in his childhood neighborhood of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

"The new fellowship program continues the foundation's decades-long commitment to providing unrestricted resources directly to individual artists working in painting and sculpture, while expanding to a five-year model that strengthens the financial and career-development support we will provide," the foundation's executive director, Christa Blatchford, said in a statement. "This fellowship, which bears Joan Mitchell's name, deepens the way we fulfill her wishes for the foundation to give artists the agency needed to sustain a life-long studio practice."

Earlier this year the foundation announced it was reimagining its annual Painters & Sculptors Grants, which was established in 1994 and awarded 25 artists unrestricted grants of \$25,000. The [Joan Mitchell Fellowship](#), which supplants that program, was designed with an emphasis on longterm financial and professional assistance.

The full list of 2021 Joan Mitchell Fellows:

María Berrío
Margaret Curtis
Adam de Boer
Raúl de Nieves
Justin Favela
Chie Fueki
Emily Gherard
Angela Hennessy
Mie Kongo
Guadalupe Maravilla
Kambui Olujimi
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