



2009 Artist Fellowship Recipients

Visual Arts/2-Dimensional (tied)

Tricia Creason-Valencia is Digital Video Instructor for Cool2Film Project, and teaches video production workshops to middle, high school, and college students. She is a film producer-director-editor and a recently named Fellow by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Public Broadcasting System; also by the National Association of Latino Independent Producers.

Deborah Mills Thackrey photographs abstract, textural images such as ever-changing patterns of reflections on the water's surface or close-ups of graffiti. Her works are in corporate and private collections. She also exhibits at local galleries as well as in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Visual Arts/3-Dimensional

Diana Pumpelly Bates creates sculptures both large and small scale, suitable for indoor and outdoor installation. Large-scale works include public art commissions in San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland and Sacramento. She also exhibits in galleries and has served on numerous consultant teams, advisory committees, and review panels.

Literary Arts – Poetry

Alan Soldofsky is Director of Creative Writing Programs at San Jose State University where he also teaches courses and workshops in poetry, literary production, literature and composition. While at San Jose State, he has directed the Center for Literary Arts as well as the San Jose Poetry Center. He has published three books of poetry and his poems have appeared in magazines, periodicals, and anthologies.

Performing Arts/Music Performance

John Santos is a four-time Grammy nominee and one of the foremost exponents of Afro-Latin music in the world today. He has performed, recorded and studied with acknowledged masters in the field of Afro-Latin and Jazz. He is also respected as one of the top writers, teachers and historians in the field. Among his numerous performances are regular appearances with the San Jose Jazz Festival.

Performing Arts/Dance Choreography

Margaret Wingrove is the Founder/Artistic Director of Margaret Wingrove Dance Company, San Jose's longest-standing modern dance company. She has created over a hundred works for her dancers and has been a frequent guest choreographer for other dance companies in the South Bay, Peninsula, San Francisco and Berkeley. As a dancer she performed and studied extensively on both the East and West Coasts.

Performing Arts/Theatre Stage Direction

Leslie Martinson is a senior staff member of TheatreWorks, the third-largest repertory theatre in the Bay Area, presenting in Palo Alto and Mountain View. At TheatreWorks she serves as Associate Artist and Casting Director, and has directed over a dozen plays, most of them West Coast premieres. She has also taught/lectured on theatre and acting at local high schools, community colleges and universities.