

**ARTS COUNCIL SILICON VALLEY
2011 ARTIST FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS**



Visual Arts 2D: Photography-Video-Animation

Shannon Amidon, Resident of San Jose

Shannon Amidon was born and raised in San Jose, CA. Her artwork is described as photo-based mixed media and alternative process photography. Her work has been exhibited nationwide with emphasis on the West Coast. A founding member of KALEID Gallery in San Jose, Shannon is a member of many arts organizations in the Bay Area and is active in the arts community. She is also involved in education outreach for children and young artist mentoring. She recently completed a residency at the Julia and David White Artist Colony in Costa Rica.



Visual Arts 3D: Sculpture

Terry Berlier, Resident of La Honda

Terry Berlier is an interdisciplinary artist who works primarily with sculpture, installation, and video. Her work has been exhibited in solo and group shows both nationally and internationally including in Barcelona, Venice, Girona, Mainz, Tel Aviv, New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento. She recently received the Kala Art Institute fellowship and residency for 2009-10 in Berkeley, CA. She has taught at UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and California College of the Arts. She currently teaches in the Department of Art and Art History at Stanford.



Literary Arts: Memoir-Spoken Word

David Perez, Resident of Campbell

David Perez travels throughout the United States and beyond performing his written work. As a spoken word artist, he has performed by invitation in hundreds of venues throughout the United States and Canada. A dedicated teacher, Perez has led poetry outreach programs for youth communities throughout the Silicon Valley, and has coached two poetry slam teams competing in the Brave New Voices Festival. Having earned an MFA in creative writing, he has also given workshops at Santa Clara University, San Jose State University, and UC Santa Cruz.



Performing Arts/Music: Vocal or Instrumental Performance

PJ Hirabayashi, Resident of San Jose

PJ Hirabayashi, a Bay Area native, is a founding member of San Jose Taiko and directs the performing company's artistic programming, workshops, master classes, and audition process. As a solo artist, she has performed with Hiroshima, David Benoit, San Jose Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Ondekoza, Margaret Wingrove Dance Company, and Theatre Yugen. She is a recipient of the Pacific Asian Women's Warrior Award in the Arts and the Santa Clara County's Women's Fund Award in the Arts.



Performing Arts/Dance: Choreography

Karen Gabay, Resident of San Jose

Karen Gabay is principal dancer with Ballet San Jose, with a diverse repertoire that includes many ballets that have been choreographed for her. She has performed nationally and internationally as a guest artist. As a choreographer, she has produced ballets for numerous companies including Ballet San Jose, the International Ballet Competition Reunion Gala, Pointe of Departure, Cuyahoga Valley Youth Ballet, Ohio Ballet, Dancing Wheels, Cleveland San Jose Ballet, Chautauqua Dance Company, Minnesota Ballet, and the Cleveland Composer's Guild.