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Re-envisioned McKnight Visual Artists Fellowship Program to Launch January 24

January 24, 2014—Minneapolis, Minn.—The Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) is pleased to be launching a newly envisioned program for the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Visual Artists. This prestigious fellowship program has supported mid-career Minnesota visual artists since 1982. Beginning in 2014, the Visual Artist Fellowships will include photography, as The McKnight Foundation decided in May of 2013 to discontinue a separate fellowship program for photographers and invited MCAD to administer an expanded program. In 2014 there will be a total of eight fellowships awarded, each worth \$25,000.

With an expanded number of fellows, the offerings of the program have also changed. In lieu of a group exhibition the focus will be on bringing in more national visiting critics and deepening their connection to the fellows. As Kerry Morgan, program director for the McKnight Visual Artists Fellowship, explained, "Previous McKnight fellows have found the conversations they have in their studios with visiting critics to be incredibly useful. We want to build on these personal relationships to help get our Minnesota artists better known among a national art audience."

The 2014 Visual Arts fellows will have the chance to meet with four national critics that they help select. Some of the critics will be invited to write essays about the fellows and to visit the Twin Cities a second time to participate in a McKnight discussion series that takes place spring and fall of 2015. This discussion series will provide a new way to highlight the work of the Visual Art fellows and position it within different conversations about contemporary art that is free and open to the public.

Each Visual Arts fellow will also have the opportunity to create both a printed and online publication. They will work with Scott Nedrelow and Ruben Nusz of Location Books to make a limited edition individual artist book or catalog and an eBook and pdf that will include an essay about or interview with the artist. A book launch and reception open to the public will also be scheduled.

There will be two information sessions about the newly envisioned McKnight visual artist fellowships on Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Springboard for the Arts or on Wednesday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. at MCAD. A recorded session will be available online after February 26.

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The deadline for applying for the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Visual Artists is Friday, March 21 at noon. The announcement of the fellowship winners will be made on Monday, June 2. Any artist interested in applying for a fellowship is welcome to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the program director. For more information contact Kerry Morgan at 612.874.3667 or gallery@mcad.edu.

MCAD Gallery Hours

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Noon–5:00 p.m.

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