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## **Midtown Houston Announces Recipients of Micro-Grants for Artists and Art Organizations**

HOUSTON (OCT. 16, 2020) -- The Midtown Houston Cultural Arts and Entertainment Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2020 micro-grants for artists and art organizations. These micro-grants, made possible by funding from the City of Houston Office of Cultural Affairs and the Houston Arts Alliance, recognize the importance of keeping arts and art appreciation alive during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Midtown Houston has awarded six organizational grants of \$4,000 and seven individual artist grants of \$1,500, allowing artists and art organizations to fund free and open-to-the-public community cultural art projects and performances in Midtown. The projects selected align with the mission of the district which aims to provide an economically vibrant urban destination for residents and visitors alike. The grant recipients collaborated with area businesses and neighborhood partners to include them in their works. The projects are timely, relevant and will be a catalyst for uniting the community while supporting area businesses.

The recipients of this year's micro-grants are as follows:

### **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

1. Houston Cinema Arts Society
2. Lawndale Art and Performance
3. Diverse Works
4. Dance Source Houston
5. MUSIQA
6. Young Audiences - Houston

### **ARTISTS**

1. Independent Dancer And Choreographer Adam Castenada

2. Multi-disciplinary Artist, Poet, Peace P.
3. Director/Playwright/Filmmaker Oni Chambers-muhammad
4. Photographer Patricia Ramirez
5. Stage Play Director Troy Scheid
6. Professional Choreographer, Dancer, Jacquelyne Boe
7. Muralist Shelbi Nicole Gregory

“Because we are a State Appointed Cultural Arts and Entertainment District, we can be more cutting edge with projects that are considered,” Cynthia Alvarado, Midtown Operations Manager. “It’s our hope that these projects not only spark curiosity, but also inspire and empower our residents and visitors through their collective emphasis on unity and healing.”

Applicants for the grants were selected by a panel of judges based on artistic merit, aesthetic excellence, project management and feasibility of the plan. The artists and arts organizations selected represent diversity in artistic disciplines and in individual artists selected, all of which Midtown Houston is looking forward to showcasing in the coming months.

Awardees must complete projects or performances by December 31, 2020. To learn more about the awardees and their proposed projects, please visit [link].

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### **About Midtown Houston:**

A dedicated supporter of the arts, Midtown Houston is a hub of creativity based in Houston’s most walkable neighborhood. Midtown Houston is comprised of three organizations; Midtown Redevelopment Authority / Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2, Midtown Management District and Midtown Parks Conservancy. These organizations share the common vision of shaping Midtown into a thriving, pedestrian-friendly, “new urban” community. Midtown is home to over 9,500 residents and over 140 restaurants, bars, and coffee shops within walking distance. In 2012, Midtown Houston became the first managed district to receive the Texas Commission on the Arts Cultural Arts and Entertainment District accreditation. To learn more about Midtown Houston, visit [MidtownHouston.com](http://MidtownHouston.com).