



**“TOP 10”  
Awardee News & Events  
August 2019**

**NEWS:**

- **Sophia Nahli Allison (2014 3Arts/Southwest Airlines Awardee)** received a \$5,000 [2019 Women Photograph + Nikon Grant](#), which celebrates talent and diversity in the photojournalism community
- **Matt Bodett (2017 3Arts/UIC Fellow)** released an [experimental video](#) he made while on a 3Arts Residency Fellowship at the MacDowell Colony earlier this spring.
- **Nejla Yarkin (2012 3Arts Awardee)** received a [Choreographic Fellowship](#) from the University of Kansas, which includes a two-week teaching and creative residency (spring 2020).

**EVENTS:**

**MIRTES ZWIERZYNSKI – 2011 3Arts Awardee (teaching artist)**

*Mural Commission for LIUNA*

Mirtes directed the creation of a public mural commission in Millennium Park organized by After School Matters in collaboration with 45 Chicago teens. The mural honors the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA). A celebration of the finished mural takes place August 8 (open to public).

**August 8, 4:00-6:30pm** in Millennium Park (on sidewalk near Harris Theater off Randolph St) **FREE**

**ANNA MARTINE WHITEHEAD – 2018 3Arts/HMS Fund Awardee (performance maker)**

*Explode Queer Dance: Midwest*

Martine is co-curating this festival of queer dance in the Midwest, which runs concurrently with the annual conference of the Dance Studies Association.

**August 8-11 (times vary)** [Links Hall](#) (plus other venues), 3111 N. Western Avenue

**NEJLA YARKIN – 2012 3Arts Awardee (choreographer)**

*Moving Nature Dreams*

Nejla leads a free outdoor movement workshop as part of her continuing series to activate Chicago parks and help participants explore interactions between people, their movement, and the natural environment. Participants will be guided through a process harnessing multiple practices including; Reiki, Feldenkrais, physical theater exercises, and contemporary dance.

**August 10 (4:00pm) & August 11 (6:00pm)** in [Lincoln Park](#) (2430 N. Cannon Drive) **FREE**

**ALEXANDRIA EREGBU – 2016 3Arts/Allstate Awardee (visual/teaching artist)**

*Envisioning Justice*

Alexandria curated the companion exhibition of new, commissioned works for *Envisioning Justice*, a two-year Illinois Humanities initiative that fosters citywide conversations about over-incarceration and strategies that lessen the impact of it. As part of the project, seven local artists are paired within seven *Envisioning Justice* hubs in communities most affected by over-incarceration. The artists’ work, inspired by activities at the hubs, is featured in the exhibition, which opens August 6 (reception Aug 17, see below) and runs through October 12.

**August 17 (opening reception, 2-5pm)** at [SAIC, Sullivan Galleries](#), 33. S. State Street **FREE**

**BEN LAMAR GAY – 2018 3Arts/Stan Lipkin & Evelyn Appell Lipkin Awardee (musician)**

*Tuesday on the Terrace*

Ben performs two sets of his “genre-defying sounds” at this free outdoor music series at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.

**August 20, 5:30-9:00pm** at the [MCA Chicago](#), 220 E. Chicago Avenue **FREE**

**GINGER LANE – 2017 3Arts Community Awardee (choreographer)**

*SummerDance Celebration – The Grand Finale!*

Ginger will be performing her new work, *Flow*, which was developed with support from a 3Arts/UIC Fellowship, as part of this grand finale of Chicago's *SummerDance* series. Today's program is a showcase of artists and dance works from Momenta Dance.

**August 24**, 1-8pm in [Millennium Park](#), Chicago **FREE**

**MARCELA MUNOZ – 2017 3Arts/Southwest Airlines Awardee (actor/director)**

*La Gala*

As artistic director of Aguijon Theater, Marcela is co-organizing *La Gala*, celebrating the company's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Nilo Cruz will be a special guest speaker.

**August 24**, 6-11pm at the [National Museum of Mexican Art](#), 1852 W 19<sup>th</sup> Street

**BEN LAMAR GAY – 2018 3Arts/Stan Lipkin & Evelyn Appell Lipkin Awardee (musician)**

*MCA New Works Initiative: Thurman Barker & Ben LaMar Gay*

Ben shares a double bill on MCA's stage to premiere a new work called *Hecky Naw! Angles!* exploring the shapes and sounds of Chicago's social dances. Also performing is percussionist Thurman Barker, paying homage to his early days in Chicago's jazz scene.

**August 30**, 8:00pm at [MCA Chicago](#), 220 E. Chicago Avenue