



## Awardee News JULY 2021

**DEE ALEXANDER (2012 3Arts Awardee), MEAGAN MCNEAL (2020 3Arts/Walder Foundation Awardee), and SAM TRUMP (2019 3Arts/Southwest Airlines Awardee)**

On **July 24**, Dee, Meagan, and Sam join fellow artist Terisa Griffin for the [Twilight Jazz Under the Stars Car Concert](#) presented by Christ Universal Entertainment. Admission is \$100 per car for an evening of music by some of Chicago's brightest singers.

**TATSU AOKI (2010 3Arts Awardee)**

On **July 20**, Tatsu performs works honoring [The Fred Anderson Legacy at the Museum of Contemporary Art's "Tuesdays on the Terrace"](#) series. Fred Anderson (1929 – 2010) was a tenor saxophonist well-known as “a father figure of experimental jazz in Chicago” and a major influence on Tatsu's artistic and musical evolution. Free with registration.

**JO CATTELL (2018 3Arts/Perkins Coie Awardee) & AYAKO KATO (2016 3Arts/Reva & David Logan Foundation Awardee)**

Jo and Ayako are among the newest recipients of [\\$15,000 Artist Fellowship Awards from the Illinois Arts Council Agency](#). These annual awards recognize “exceptional artists who have created a substantial body of work throughout their career by providing awards to support continued artistic growth.”

**DAMON LOCKS (2019 3Arts/Reva & David Logan Foundation Awardee)**

On **July 17**, Damon headlines [“Portraits in the Park.”](#) organized by the Art Institute of Chicago as part of related programming for *The Obama Portraits*. Damon and the Black Monument Ensemble will perform along with Chicago-based youth poets for this special event held at the Washington DuSable Museum Flower Garden (740 E. 65<sup>th</sup> Street). Free and open to the public.

**JUNIUS PAUL (2020 3Arts/SIF Fund at the Chicago Community Foundation Awardee) & TOMEKA REID (2016 3Arts/Southwest Airlines Awardee)**

On **July 13**, Junius and Tomeka join forces as a duet for the Museum of Contemporary Art's [“Tuesdays on the Terrace”](#) live music series. Free with registration.

**TOMEKA REID (2016 3Arts/Southwest Airlines Awardee)**

**Now through July 23** on the [Chicago Symphony Orchestra's CSOtv platform](#), audiences can tune into the latest (Episode 22) in the organization's contemporary music series curated by composer-in-residence Missy Mazzoli. Included in an exciting program of recent vocal and instrumental works is Tomeka's “Prospective Dwellers” originally written for her quartet.

**TANYA SARACHO (2009 3Arts Awardee)**

In collaboration with Universal Studio Group, Tanya has launched the [Ojalá Ignition Lab](#), a 26-week long incubator program that will provide five Latinx writers with mentorship by experienced showrunners and executive producers in television with the goal of fostering script development that may lead to a commission by the studio.

**CAULEEN SMITH (2013 3Arts/Lydia Yun Lee & Lisa Yun Lee Awardee)**

On view **now through August 7** is a [two-person exhibition entitled “Two Voids.”](#) featuring recent work by Cauleen and Shannon Stratton at Corbett vs. Dempsey gallery in Chicago. Both artists began by drawing upon existing printed images, including old books of furniture designs or interior decorating magazines, then painting over them in watercolor. Also, on **July 22**, Cauleen participates in a [virtual conversation with fellow awardee Amanda Williams](#) to explore the idea of representing place through creative practice, in a program organized by the Art Institute of Chicago.

**JUMAANE TAYLOR (2019 3Arts/Stan Lipkin & Evelyn Appell Lipkin Awardee)**

From **July 26 through August 15**, Jumaane will lead a reimagined [30<sup>th</sup> anniversary festival of tap](#) for the Chicago Human Rhythm Project. Coming full circle, Jumaane takes this leadership position as Artistic Director after first starting his studies in tap as a youth in the organization's education programs. This month the festival features three nights of performances at the Jazz Showcase (July 27) and a live performance at Navy Pier's Polk Bros Stage (July 28).

**BETHANY THOMAS (2019 3Arts/RH, Restoration Hardware Awardee)**

On **July 9**, Bethany performs an acoustic show with multi-instrumentalist John Szymanski as part of the [Alliance Outdoor Music Series](#) organized by Beverly Area Arts Alliance. Also, during **July 15 – 25**, Bethany shares a new short theatrical piece she wrote for the Cabinet of Curiosity's latest anthology series entitled "[Sea Change](#)" aimed to celebrate the power of the sea and the feminine divine. Bethany's work, "A Mermaid's Tale (If There's a God)" tells the story of a mermaid grappling with existence in a world imagined by men.

**AMANDA WILLIAMS (2020 3Arts Next Level/Spare Room Awardee and 2014 3Arts/Stan Lipkin and Evelyn Appell Lipkin Awardee)**

On **July 8**, Amanda is participating in a conversation about "[Architecture and Black Lives](#)," a free, online program organized by the Hyde Park Art Center. She'll be joined by fellow artist Faheem Majeed, author and Interim Director of Arts + Public Life Adrienne Brown, and author Mario Gooden. Also, on **July 22**, Amanda participates in a [virtual conversation with fellow awardee Cauleen Smith](#) to explore the idea of representing place through creative practice, in a program organized by the Art Institute of Chicago.

**AVERY R. YOUNG (2012 3Arts/Merrill Lynch Awardee)**

On **July 10**, Avery headlines "[Portraits in the Park](#)," organized by the Art Institute of Chicago as part of related programming for *The Obama Portraits*. Avery and de deacon board will perform along with Chicago-based youth poets for this special event held at Douglass Park (1401 S. Sacramento Drive). Free and open to the public.