



Awardee News MARCH 2021

MULTIPLE ARTISTS

Five 3Arts awardees were among 20 Black community leaders recently honored by Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot for “their commitment to supporting and advocating for Chicago’s dynamic Black residents.” Recipients in the Arts & Culture included past awardees Candace Hunter, Damon Locks, Cecil McDonald Jr, Dorian Sylvain, and Amanda Williams. A recording of the celebratory event is available on the [Chicago Mayor’s Office Facebook page](#).

SOPHIA NAHLI ALLISON (2014 3Arts Awardee)

Sophia’s critically acclaimed film [A Love Song for Latasha](#) (2019) is [shortlisted for an Academy Award](#) in the category of Documentary Short Subject. Available on Netflix, the film is a moving tribute to 15-year-old Latasha Harlins, whose shooting death became a flashpoint for the 1992 civil uprising in Los Angeles. The Oscar awards presentation is April 25.

T. AYO ALSTON (2018 3Arts/Southwest Airlines Awardee)

On March 5, Ayo and company members from Ayodele Drum and Dance company will be the featured guests in the [“Legacy Conversation Series” presented by the Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project](#). Moderated by Dr. Queen Zabriskie, the conversation will provide an opportunity “to delve into the stories of creative leaders and their companies, and the significant impact their legacies have made in Chicago and beyond.”

REGINA HARRIS BAIOCCHI (2011 3Arts Awardee)

In this online recording, pianist Sarah Cahill performs the world premiere of [“Piano Poems.”](#) a new work she commissioned by Regina. The piece is divided into distinct movements, each inspired by a different poet, including Gwendolyn Brooks, Richard Wright, and Regina herself.

ALEXANDRIA EREGBU (2016 3Arts/Allstate Awardee)

Alexandria presents an 8-day online presentation of her 3AP-funded project [MMIRI: Origin Stories](#), an experimental film that offers a fresh interpretation of the creation story, drawing on traditional West African tales and a contemporary fantastical imagination. The film was directed by *Make a Wave* artist, Devin Cain, and can be viewed online from Feb 24 – March 3.

AYAKO KATO (2016 3Arts/Reva & David Logan Foundation Awardee)

On March 4, Ayako is among the performers in [Slow Dances](#), a Quarantine Concert collaboration with Matthew Mehlan, Sonnenzimmer, Jamal "Litebulb" Oliver, Lia Kohl, Cori Smith, Corinne Imberski, and more.

JUNIUS PAUL (2020 3Arts/SIF Fund Awardee)

On March 8, Junius makes his [debut in the Option series](#) at Experimental Sound Studio, He’ll perform a duet with pianist Justin Dillard and discuss his work with Option curator Ken Vandermark.

DORIAN SYLVAIN (2020 3Arts Community Awardee)

Dorian is among ten artists participating in the [Seeds in My Pocket exhibition](#), presented at Chicago Art Department. Dorian worked with fellow artist Pablo Serrano to invite a “symphony of voices” to showcase the cultural influence of Black migrants and Mexican immigrants in South Shore and Pilsen. The exhibition is on view by appointment from March 5 through May 30.

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

Amanda is among ten artists, designers, and architects presenting newly commissioned works in [Reconstructions: Architecture and Blackness in America](#), a multifaceted presentation at the Museum of

Modern Art (February 27 – May 31). The project website provides information on the works and the artists, an audio playlist of interviews and other material, and more.

SANTIAGO X (2019 3Arts/Chandler Family Awardee)

X presents a new interactive piece at the newly reopened [WDR Museum](#), featuring “one-of-a-kind installations by artists, collectives, and studios locally and globally.” \$30 tickets are available for visitors following strict COVID-19 rules and guidelines (1130 W. Monroe Street).