

FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR BUSH FOUNDATION'S ARTIST FELLOWS PROGRAM

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[See the list of finalists](#)

Saint Paul, Minn. (Feb. 15, 2007)—Writers, composers, filmmakers and playwrights from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin are among the finalists for the 2007 Bush Artist Fellowships. The Foundation named 35 finalists in February and, for the first time in the program's 31-year history, has made their finalist status public; it will award each finalist who does not become a fellow \$1,000 in recognition of their accomplishments.

After final judging takes place, 15 artists from this group will be selected to each receive a \$50,000 fellowship. The Bush Artist Fellows Program, established in 1976, is one of only two open-application artist fellowships in the country to provide grants of this size. Fellows will be announced in May 2007.

(The names, categories and locations of the finalists follow the body of this release.)

The 2007 categories include literature (fiction, creative non-fiction and poetry), film/video, music composition and scriptworks (playwriting and screenwriting). Four panels of nationally recognized artists and arts leaders from outside the Foundation's region—one panel for each category—chose the 35 finalists from 477 applicants. The panelists looked for artists with a strong vision, creative energy and evidence of perseverance.

An interdisciplinary panel of five nationally recognized artists and arts leaders will meet in April to choose 15 fellows from the 35 finalists. Fellows will be announced in May, along with the panel members' names.

Each fellowship will provide the artist with \$48,000 in unrestricted funds to further develop his or her work. In addition, and new this year, fellows may receive assistance in developing individualized communications plans, along with \$2,000 to implement the plan, for a total of \$50,000 in support.

The Bush Artist Fellowships provide artists with significant financial support that enables them to further their work and their contributions to their communities. The Bush Artist Fellows Program is one three fellowship programs of the **Bush Foundation**, a private grantmaking organization fostering vibrant communities and vital leadership. Established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth, the Foundation supports organizations in the areas of arts and culture, health and human services, education and ecological health in a region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Its individual fellowship programs in the arts, medicine and

leadership are open to candidates from Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and northwestern Wisconsin. Nationally, the Bush Foundation also supports fully accredited tribal colleges and, through The College Fund/UNCF, historically black private colleges and universities.

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2007 Finalists Bush Artist Fellowships

LITERATURE

Liselotte Erdrich

Non-fiction
Wahpeton, N.D.

Phebe Hanson

Poetry
St. Paul, Minn.

Nicholas Leither

Fiction
St. Cloud, Minn.

Rohan Preston

Poetry
Golden Valley, Minn.

Darren Renville

Fiction
Sisseton, S.D.

Mattox Roesch

Fiction
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Bonnie J. Rough

Non-fiction
Minneapolis, Minn.

John Salter

Fiction
Glyndon, Minn.

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Sun Yung Shin

Poetry
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Joni Tevis

Non-fiction
Minneapolis, Minn.

Jay White

Poetry
Deephaven, Minn.

Eliot Wilson

Poetry
Northfield, Minn.

Larry Woiwode

Fiction
Mott, N.D.

Kao Yang

Non-fiction
Andover, Minn.

MUSIC COMPOSITION

Elizabeth Alexander

St. Paul, Minn.

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Mary Ellen Baker

Hayward, Wisc.

Douglas Ewart

Minneapolis, Minn.

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Geoffrey William Gordon

Eau Claire, Wisc.

Linda Haugen

Burnsville, Minn.

Edie Hill

Minneapolis, Minn.

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Peter Mayer

Stillwater, Minn.

[Artist's website](#)

Matthew S. Smith

Minneapolis, Minn.

Preston Wright

St. Paul, Minn.

SCRIPTWORKS

Aditi Brennan Kapil
Playwright
Minneapolis, Minn.

Allison Moore
Playwright
Minneapolis, Minn.
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John Olive
Playwright
Minneapolis, Minn.

Bill True
Screenwriter
Bloomington, Minn.

Karen Van Fossan
Playwright
Bismarck, N.D.
[Artist's website](#)

Sheri Wilner
Playwright
Minneapolis, Minn.
[Artist's website](#)

FILM/VIDEO

Olive Bieringa
Minneapolis, Minn.
[Artist's website](#)

Barbara Buckner
Chanhassen, Minn.

Chris Eyre
Hermosa, S.D.
[Artist's website](#)

Kyja Kristjansson-Nelson
Fargo, N.D.
[Artist's website](#)

Milt Lee
Rapid City, S.D.
[Artist's website](#)

Tom Schroeder
Minneapolis, Minn.