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Palo Alto, CA—The City of Palo Alto's Cubberley Artist Studios Program (CASP) announces the selection of 28 incumbent and new artists for its newly relaunched artist residency program. Selected artists demonstrate the broad spectrum of media and approaches visible in the Palo Alto and regional art community. The selected artists work in a rich diversity of media, including painting, drawing, printmaking, assemblage & mixed-media installation, graphic novel writing & illustration, photography, sculpture, video, costuming for theatre, social practice, and performance. The artists are based throughout the region and are a mix of emerging, mid-career, and established artists. Thirteen of those selected are Palo Alto residents.

Selected artists include both incumbent residents, and new artists—showcasing the program's tradition of excellence as well as its future potential. Eleven incumbent artists applied for residency and all plan to continue with the program. They include: **Lessa Bouchard, Ken Edwards, Linda Gass, Michal Gavish, Barbara Gunther, Inge Infante, Ulla de Larios, Marianne Lettieri, Ann McMillan, Andrew Muonio, and Nancy White.**

CASP welcomes new artists **Daniele Archambault, Barbara Boissevain, Servane Briand, Shashana Chittle, Charles Coates, Mel Day, Rachele Doorley, Christine Gray, Gloria Huet, Pantea Karimi, Paloma Lucas, Ewa Nowicka, Ernest Regua, Jennifer Gonsalves, Sahba Shere,** and the artist collective of **Pernilla Andersson & Paula Pereira.**

Artists will assume residency beginning in October. Artists pay rental fees subsidized by the City in exchange for community service (the donation of four volunteer hours per month) and the donation of one work of art per residency term to the City of Palo Alto's Public Art Program for the benefit of the entire community.

Fifty-two artists applied to CASP, responding to extensive outreach to artists, galleries, arts institutions and educational institutions throughout the Bay Area conducted by the City. Selections were made by an esteemed panel of arts professionals, including **Tamara Alvarado**, Executive Director for the School of Arts and Culture at the Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose, **Jordana Saggese, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Visual Studies at California College of the Arts in Oakland, **Susan Leask**, Exhibition Curator for the San Jose Museum of Art, **Valeria Miranda**, founder and director of Vida Arts in Santa Cruz, and

Weston Teruya, Berkeley-based artist and curator.

This announcement signals the re-launch of the CASP program after a significant strategic vision and outreach initiative. This process included an extensive environmental scan, best-practice analysis, and public meetings with key stakeholders. Key elements of the new vision for the CASP program include expanding the diversity of artists, approaches, and career stages of participating artists; promoting greater use of the studios by individuals, collaborative groups, and the larger community. As part of the relaunch of the program, one studio will be reserved for short-term rentals by visiting artists—both local and international. The local artists will include the 10 alternate artists selected by the panel.

“The City of Palo Alto is proud to welcome such a diverse and creative group of resident artists that will continue the 24-year tradition of Cubberley’s thriving artistic community,” said Rhyena Halpern, assistant director for the Community Services Department who oversees the Arts and Sciences Division and the CASP program. “The program has been retooled and will foster active community engagement, providing opportunities for the entire community to engage in the arts, through exhibitions, artist lectures, poetry, and performance art events. We envision Cubberley as a cultural destination that contributes to the City’s creative placemaking efforts.”

About the CASP Program:

The Cubberley Artist Studio Program (CASP) supports the vitality of the arts in Palo Alto, as one of the nation’s handful of municipally-operated artist studio programs. It provides City-sponsored, affordable space for artists, building a creative community, and fostering public engagement with the arts and artists. CASP is located at the Cubberley Community Center, a former high school site, at the Cubberley Community Center at 4000 Middlefield Road in Palo Alto. The Center is a busy community gathering place that houses many performing-arts, educational, athletic and social-service organizations.

For more information please visit: www.cityofpaloalto.org/gov/depts/csd/studios/default.asp. The FAQ sheet available on the website provides further information about the program and artist selection process.

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