



New Works Project Grant Awardees FY 2017-2018
Performing Arts, Music/Sound, Emerging Arts

The Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona is pleased to announce its New Works Project Grant Awardees for 2017-2018, in the categories of performing arts, music/sound, and emerging arts. All New Works projects must include the development of new artwork and take an original and imaginative approach to both content and form.

New Works Artist Showcase: These awardees will share their work in an Artist Talk on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 6pm – 7:30pm. Free admission to the event, light reception to follow. Please check the Arts Foundation calendar for more information.

Samuel Ace will work to produce a series of choral sound pieces as a part of a multi-faceted music project titled, “Our Weather Our Sea.” Building on the long history of language positioned at the nexus of sound, music and poetry, Ace aims to explore the layered resonance of language becoming instrument through this work.

Stephanie Cortes will produce an astronomy-inspired circus performance, titled “Exist,” that takes the audience on a journey through the cosmos exploring what it means to be alive in the age of science. Cortes aims to achieve this by utilizing projections of the cosmos, dance choreography, spoken word, original soundtrack and innovative circus props.

Marc Pinate will work to produce a theatrical solo performance of monologues, titled “Veteranos,” based on interviews with war veterans from South Tucson. Incorporating live Son Jarocho music and poetry, Pinate will transform into personas, male and female, of local WWII to Iraq War veterans, investigating the tradition of patriotism and sacrifice.

Kimi Eisele will produce a work titled, “A Tree Is Not a Forest,” a performance combining dance, puppetry, light, and shadow. This shifting and shadowed environment will address behaviors and relationships of human and non-human species within a changing climate, raising questions about our role as human stewards and co-inhabitants.



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