



## Curator & Artist Selection Policy

Luminaria follows best practices for artist funding and selection throughout our programming as outlined below.

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### Contemporary Arts Festival

Best practice for the purpose of curating the artistic direction of the Luminaria Contemporary Arts Festival from 2015 – 2019 has involved direct invitations from Luminaria’s Executive Director to San Antonio arts professionals. The Director seeks nominations from arts professionals and works diligently to ensure that each committee contains diversity of media, concept, and personal identifiers. The arts experts work independently and as a collective to select featured artists for the festivals. Luminaria adopted a strong diversity policy in 2018, which has since guided the vetted invitation, curatorial selection, and peer review processes for the Contemporary Arts Festival. The curator approval policy not only assures diversity but also equity and impartiality.

### Luminaria Artist Foundation

Best practice for the purpose of judging artist grant submissions to the 2020 Luminaria Artist Foundation’s grant program involved direct invitations from Luminaria’s Executive Director to national and regional arts professionals. Upon receiving notification of interest, the Director conducted in-depth interviews to further ensure that the members of each genre’s committee represented diverse media, conceptual, and personal identifiers. Luminaria adopted a strong diversity policy in 2018, which guided the Luminaria Artist Foundation’s vetted invitations and judge selection process. The judge approval policy not only assures diversity but also equity and impartiality.

### Corona Arts Relief

Best practice for the purpose of judging artist submissions to the 2020 Corona Arts Relief program involved direct invitations from Luminaria’s Executive Director to San Antonio arts professionals. The Director worked diligently to ensure the panel of judges adhered to Luminaria’s strong diversity policy to provide equity and impartiality in the panel selection and peer review processes.

### PlaceMaking

Best practice for the purpose of curating the artistic direction of Luminaria’s PlaceMaking program from 2015 – 2020 has involved direct invitations from Luminaria’s Executive Director to San Antonio arts professionals. The Director seeks nominations from arts professionals and works diligently to ensure that each committee contains diversity of expertise, conceptual, and personal identifiers. The arts experts work independently and as a collective to select artists for each project. Luminaria adopted a strong diversity policy in 2018, which has since guided the vetted invitation, curatorial selection, and peer review processes for the PlaceMaking program. The curator approval policy not only assures diversity but also equity and impartiality.

Information about becoming involved with Luminaria has been an open invitation on our website from 2015 to the present. The Executive Director also shares these opportunities at speaking engagements and with the press.

The following is a listing of some of the arts professionals who have served Luminaria.

**2015 Festival**

Marisela Barrera  
Paige Berry  
Riley Robinson  
Adam Rocha  
Chris Smart  
Anna Stothart

**2017 Festival**

Jenny Browne  
Garret T. Capps  
Joe De La Cruz  
Cassandra Parker-Nowicki  
Troy Peters  
Joel Celistino Settles  
Maritza Blu Vasquez

**2019 Festival**

Amber Ortega  
Christopher Rodriguez  
Gary Sweeney  
Katherine Sotelo  
Libby Day  
Yadhira Lozano

**2016 Festival**

David Alcantar  
Angela Covo  
Danielle King  
Joey Lopez  
Jeannette Muniz  
Octavilo Quinanilla

**2018 Festival**

Adriana Flores  
Agosto Cuellar  
Alana Coates  
Mark McCain  
Andrea Vocab Sanderson  
Guillermina Zabala

**2020 Grants**

Yvette Benavides  
Kate Bonansinga  
Constanza Casamadrid  
Michael Fox  
Edna Longoria  
Dale Neal  
Richard Perez  
Patricia Pratchett  
Gregory Sale  
Sussy Santana  
Ray Santisteban  
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