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FOUNDATION FOR CONTEMPORARY ARTS ANNOUNCES
GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR 2008

New York, NY, January 7, 2008 – The Foundation for Contemporary Arts is pleased to announce its 2008 *Grants to Individuals*. Twelve unrestricted grants of \$25,000 each, a total of \$300,000, are to be awarded to artists in the United States and abroad.

“The Foundation for Contemporary Arts is pleased to be able increase the number of *Grants to Individuals* awards from ten to twelve this year as a result of increased support from artists and others,” said Stacy Stark, Executive Director. “As unqualified support for individual artists is increasingly rare, the Foundation, which has long been sustained by artists itself, is working to grow both the number of grantees and the size of its awards.”

Selected by the Directors of the Foundation and members of the arts community from confidential nominations submitted by noted artists and arts professionals, the 2008 recipients are:

DANCE

Kimberly Bartosik, Brooklyn, NY
Sarah Michelson, Brooklyn, NY
Yasuko Yokoshi, New York, NY

MUSIC/SOUND

Annie Gosfield, New York, NY
Ron Kuivila, Middletown, CT

THEATER/PERFORMANCE ART

Tamy Ben-Tor, Brooklyn, NY
Wang Jianwei, Beijing, China

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POETRY

Charles North, New York, NY
Elizabeth Robinson, Boulder, CO

VISUAL ARTS

Cameron Jamie, Paris, France
Ohad Meromi, Brooklyn, NY
Allison Smith, Brooklyn, NY

THE JOHN CAGE AWARD

Paul Kaiser, New York, NY

The John Cage Award was established in 1992 in honor of the late composer, one of the Foundation's founders. This award is made biennially in recognition of outstanding achievement in the performing arts. This year the FCA is pleased to be able to increase the size of the award to \$50,000.

Curriculum vitae and other information about all 2008 grantees will be available on the Foundation's website, www.foundationforcontemporaryarts.org, by March 2008.

Founded and guided by artists, the Foundation for Contemporary Arts mission is to encourage, sponsor, and promote innovative work in the arts created and presented by individuals, groups, and organizations. Artists working in dance, music/sound, theater/performance art, poetry, and the visual arts are awarded nonrestrictive grants for projects of their own choosing by a nomination process; arts organizations receive project or general operating support by application. Since the Foundation's inception in 1963, more than 600 artists have donated work to raise funds for these grants.

The current Directors of the Foundation are: Brooke Alexander, Agnes Gund, Frances Fergusson, Jasper Johns, Julian Lethbridge and Kara Walker. Members of the Board were joined in this year's grant selection process by dance critic Nancy Dalva, artists Molly Davies and Carroll Dunham, and composer and Bang on a Can co-founder, David Lang.

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