

## Artadia Names 2016 Atlanta Award Winners

Artadia announced today that Jiha Moon and Cosmo Whyte have been selected as the winners of the 2016 Atlanta Artadia Award, which recognizes artists who have been based in the greater Atlanta area for more than two years. They will each receive \$10,000 in unrestricted funds.

The finalists were selected from a pool of 188 submissions by a jury that consisted of Sofía Hernández Chong Cuy, curator of contemporary art at the Colección Patricia Phelps de Cisneros; Jamillah James, curator of the Institute of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; and Katherine Jentleson, curator of folk and self-taught art at the High Museum of Art. Daniel Fuller, curator at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, joined the committee to conduct studio visits with the five finalists, including Kelly Kristin Jones, T. Lang, and Sipporah Thompson, and select the winners.



Commenting on Moon's work, Jentleson said, "The sources she draws on, from Southern face jugs to Korean norigae, are so diverse, allowing for work that is both humorously and seriously engaged in confrontations with the absurdity of our globalized, hyper-technologized society and the many cultural misunderstandings it nurtures."

Fuller said that Whyte's work explores issues of immigration, colonialism, and identity. Speaking about his artistic practice, Whyte said, "My creative process begins through the interrogation of my own (racialized as black, gendered as man) body, and the personal memories that are embedded within it. I use this archive as my entry point into collective political interrogations."

Artadia is a national nonprofit organization that supports artists with merit-based awards. Since 1999, it has awarded more than \$3 million to more than three hundred artists working in the cities of Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and San Francisco.