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Gala Porras-Kim and Kahlil Joseph Named Artadia 2017 Los Angeles Award Winners

The winners of the Artadia 2017 Los Angeles awards are Gala Porras-Kim and Kahlil Joseph. Porras-Kim and Joseph will each receive an unrestricted cash prize of \$10,000. This is Artadia's third year in awarding funds to Los Angeles artists.



The jurors for 2017 were artist Daniel Joseph Martinez; Bennett Simpson, senior curator at LA MoCA; Anuradha Vikram, the artistic director of Los Angeles's Eighteenth Street Arts Center; and Yesomi Umolu, the exhibitions curator at Chicago's Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts.

"Gala Porras-Kim is an artist in whose work a restorative vision of the future is not only envisioned but actively created. With extreme care and cultural sensitivity, Porras-Kim uses art's speculative and imaginative powers to focus attention on real-world cultures and languages that have been neglected," said Vikram. Of Joseph, Vikram stated, "Kahlil Joseph has one of the most distinctively original visual styles of any artist currently working in film. His hybrid practice crossing cinema, visual art, fashion, and popular music is sparking conversation far beyond the usual art circles."

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