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Mika Tajima and Patricia Treib Named Artadia 2017 New York Award Winners

The winners of the Artadia 2017 New York awards are Mika Tajima and Patricia Treib. They will each receive an unrestricted cash prize of \$10,000. This is Artadia's second year awarding funds to New York artists. Artadia received 683 applications, which were open to all visual artists living in New York City for more than two years, working in any media, and at any stage of their career.



The finalists, which consisted of Dawn Kasper, Michael Portnoy, and Jessica Vaughn, in addition to Tajima and Treib, were selected by jurors Kimberly Drew, social media manager at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York; artist Jonah Freeman; and Matthew Lyons, curator at The Kitchen in New York. During a second round of judging, which consisted of studio visits, Laura Raicovich, president and executive director of the Queens Museum in New York, joined Lyons in selecting the awardees.

"Laura and I really responded to Patricia's explanation of how her paintings progress in this very time-based manner and how they explore perception and memory in a very poetic and evocative way," Lyons told Lauren Cavalli of artforum.com. Commenting on Tajima's work, he said that her engagement with the digital world and our information society as well as her ability to fold that into her sculptural and wall-based works made an impression.

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

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