



Self-portrait (Hand-me-downs), 2011, by 2018 Houston Artadia Award winner Francis Almendárez. Photo: Artadia.

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ARTADIA CREATES NEW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANT ARTISTS IN HOUSTON

Artadia, the national nonprofit organization that supports artists with unrestricted, merit-based awards, announced today that it has established a new fellowship program for immigrant and refugee artists based in Houston. Inaugural participants in the Artadia Houston Fellowship program will be given \$2,000 in unrestricted funds and will each work with a mentor chosen from the pool of previous Artadia award winners.

“We are thrilled to launch this program as it aligns with and broadens our mission to support visual artists in an open and accessible manner and through dialogue and exchange,” Artadia executive director Carolyn Ramo said in a statement. “Now more than ever, we are interested in reaching artists who are underserved and are a vital part of the American contemporary art conversation.”

The organization said the program is part of Artadia’s effort to expand access and promote equity in the art world. Applications for the fellowship are open to any visual artist who was born outside of the United States and is living in the greater Houston area. Artadia will work with a number of cultural partners to identify fellows, assist with applications, and provide meeting spaces and exhibition opportunities. The program will conclude with a presentation of work by the inaugural fellows and Houston awardees.