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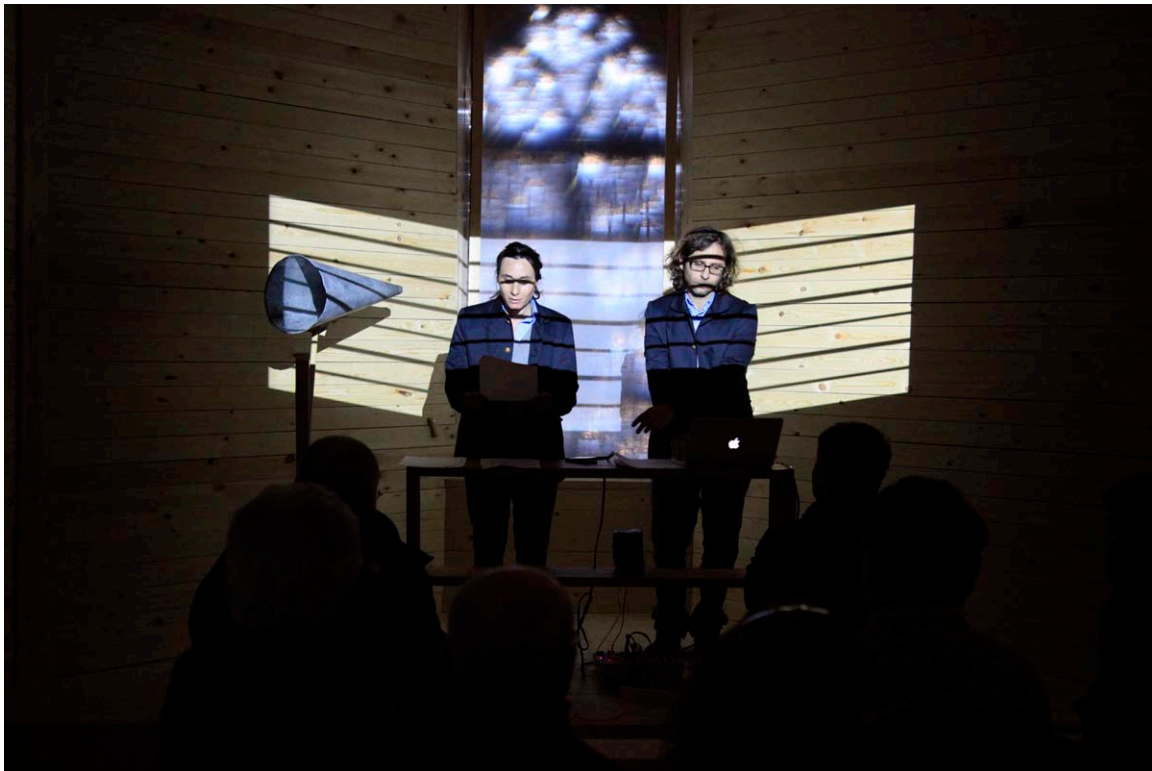
Artis Announces 2015 Grant Recipients

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Artis (artiscontemporary.org), the independent non-profit that promotes and supports greater international understanding of, and exposure to, Israeli visual arts and Israeli artists has announced \$200,000 in grants to artists, researchers and institutions in 12 countries. This represents the largest single year of grantmaking in Artis' history and an expansion of its philanthropic efforts.



Sala-Manca Group, Joao Gospel Performance Lea Diego. Courtesy of the artist.

An open call earlier this year for grant applications from artists, institutions and researchers that emphasized innovation, experimentation, cultural exchange and artistic excellence drew 252 letters of interest from 29 countries.

Among the artists awarded project grants this year are Yael Efrati, Noam Enbar, Guy Goldstein, Tzion Abraham Hazan, Luciana Kaplun, Miki Kratsman, Leigh Orpaz, Sala-Manca Group, Elham Rokni, Dana Yahalomi, and Maya Zack. The Artis grants will allow the artists to pursue ambitious projects and increase their international stature.

Travel and Research grants were made to art professionals at the Steijdeliik Museum in Amsterdam, the artist Agnieszka Kurant in New York, and the independent Amsterdam-based curator Nathanja van Dijk. As well as Exhibition Grants to a dozen international art exhibitions to be held in Medellin, St. Petersburg, New Orleans, New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Melbourne and Berlin.

“Artis grants are intended to give a substantial platform to artistic voices both internationally and within Israel,” Yael Reinharz, Executive Director of Artis, said. “We are proud to build on our legacy of grants of \$1.25 million to over 200 landmark exhibitions and projects in 20 countries with more direct support for artists, exhibitions and international exchange. We are grateful to our anonymous donor, whose \$1million gift will enable Artis to sustain these grants for the next three years.”



Dor Guez, Sick Man of Europe Archival Material, 2014. Courtesy of James Gallery

Since 2004, Artis has been organizing research trips allowing curators and gallerists from the United States and Europe to visit their counterparts in Israel and visit Israeli artists in their studios, while supporting Israeli artists in their exhibitions and residencies in the United States and abroad.

In Los Angeles alone, over the past several years Artis has played a role in supporting shows or residencies by Israeli artists such as Miri Chais, Yael Davids, Nir Evron, Orit Raff, Dana Yahalomi, and by sponsoring

trips to Israel for curators from LACMA, MOCA LAXart and the Hammer.

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