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****MEDIA ALERT****

**Locust Projects Awarded its Eighth Art Works Grant from
the National Endowment for the Arts**



[Miami: January 11, 2022] The Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts has approved Locust Projects for a grant in the amount of \$20,000 to support the production and presentation of experimental and innovative exhibitions and projects in 2022. The funds will support the creation of newly commissioned installations and temporary public art projects by emerging and nationally recognized artists, as well as the 2022 Talks free curatorial lecture series presented in partnership with Oolite Arts.

Locust Projects is among 1,248 projects across America totaling \$28,840,000 that were selected to receive this first round of fiscal year 2022 funding in the Grants for Arts Projects category.

Of the 19 Miami-Dade County organizations receiving grants, Locust Projects is the only Florida organization to receive a Grant for Arts Projects grant in the Visual Arts category. The 2022 grant marks Locust Projects' eighth NEA Art Works grant to date.

The Art Works funding category supports projects that focus on public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation; the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence; learning in the arts at all stages of life; and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life.

"The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects like Locust Projects that help support the community's creative economy," said NEA Acting Chair Ann Eilers. "Locust Projects in Miami is among the arts organizations nationwide that are using the arts as a source of strength, a path to well-being, and providing access and opportunity for people to connect and find joy through the arts."

"Locust Projects is honored and grateful to be among the arts organizations, locally and nationally, to receive support from the National Endowment for the Arts," said Lorie Mertes, Locust Projects Executive Director. "This grant supports our work as an incubator of new art and ideas introducing the public to ambitious new projects by local, national and international artists at all career stages, as well as free access to talks by leading curators of contemporary art."

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In 2022, Locust Projects will present commissioned site-specific, large scale exhibitions by Leila Weefur, The 181 Collective, Sonic Insurgency Research Group, Jia-Jen Lin, R Eric McMaster, among others. Artists are given the time, space, and resources to create new work without commercial pressures or limitations of traditional arts institutions, and are supported with residencies while they experiment and expand their practice. To learn more about the upcoming artist projects [click here](#).

Presented in partnership with Oolite Arts, Talks 2022 speakers include Diana Nawi, Amada Cruz, Humberto Moro, and more. The Talks lecture series activates conversations around new art and ideas by annually featuring six leading curators who discuss their practice, the art and artists that have shaped their careers, and how they support the work of artists whether in museums or non-traditional spaces. Each curator also visits studios of six Miami-based artists providing vital feedback and visibility.

For more information on other projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.

ABOUT LOCUST PROJECTS

Founded by artists for artists in 1998, Locust Projects is Miami's longest running nonprofit alternative art space. We produce, present, and nurture ambitious and experimental new art and the exchange of ideas through commissioned exhibitions and projects, artist residencies, summer art intensives for teens, and public programs on contemporary art and curatorial practice. As a leading incubator of new art and ideas, Locust Projects emphasizes boundary-pushing creative endeavors, risk-taking and experimentation by local, national and international artists. We invest in South Florida's arts community by providing artists with project grants and empower creative careers by supporting the administrative work of being an artist through an onsite artist resource hub and access to pro bono legal services.

Locust Projects 2021-2022 exhibitions and programming are made possible with support from: The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation; The Miami-Dade County Department of Cultural Affairs and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners, The Children's Trust; The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts; The National Endowment for the Arts Art Works Grant; Susan and Richard Arregui; Hillsdale Fund; the Albert and Jane Nahmad Family Foundation; VIA Art Fund | Wagner Foundation Incubator Grant; Diane and Robert Moss; Elizabeth Bailey; Cowles Charitable Trust; Diane and Werner Grob; Kirk Foundation; Diane and Alan Lieberman; Artis; and the Incubator Fund Supporting Sponsors and Friends.

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