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Edouard Duval-Carrie receiving the \$75,000 Michael Richards Award. Photo: World Red Eye. October 25, 2018 at 9:17am

## ARTCENTER/SOUTH FLORIDA AWARDS NEARLY \$500,000 TO MIAMI-BASED ARTISTS

ArtCenter/South Florida in Miami Beach announced the inaugural recipients of The Ellies. Established earlier this year, the visual art awards aim to elevate and celebrate the careers of Miami-based artists. Selected from a pool of more than five hundred submissions, forty-four artists and art educators were honored at a ceremony that took place at The Bass on Wednesday night. The honorees will each receive a grant in support of an unrealized project. A total of \$491,000 will be split between them.

Among the recipients of The Ellies is Edouard Duval-Carrie, who was named the inaugural winner of the \$75,000 Michael Richards Award, which was created in honor of artist Michael Richards. The ArtCenter alum, who was known for addressing racial inequity and social injustice in his practice, died in the World Trade Center in New York during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The award will support Duval-Carrie's practice over a two-year period, including a commission to create a new work to be exhibited at The Bass.

Named after ArtCenter founder Ellie Schneiderman, The Ellies are bestowed in three categories: the Creator Award, which offers project grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$25,000 in support of the production of new work; Teacher Travel Grants, which provide art teachers with \$5,000 so that they can travel to another city or country to study art and use their experience to enrich the classroom experience; and the Michael Richards Award, which honors a Miami artist creating high-quality work.

“Miami’s artists shine brightly tonight,” said Dennis Scholl, president and CEO of ArtCenter said at the award ceremony. “Each of these winners demonstrates how far our visual arts community has come—and seeds the possibilities for the exciting growth we can see in the future.”

The complete list of recipients is as follows:

### **The Ellies Creator Award Winners**

Kevin Arrow

Jenna Balfe

Marcus Blake

Joe Cardona

Leo Castaneda

Thom Wheeler Castillo

Lou Anne Colodny

Franky Cruz

Woosler Delisfort

Cara Despain

April Dobbins

Bo Droga

Ray Elman

Asif Farooq

Guadalupe Figueras

Julie Fliegenspan

Dara Friedman

Gonzalo Fuenmayor

Rosa Naday Garmendia

GeoVanna Gonzalez  
Adler Guerrier  
Nicolas Lobo  
Pepe Mar  
Jillian Mayer  
Ricardo Mor  
Michelle Lisa Polissaint  
Johanne Rahaman  
Alina Rodriguez  
Silvia Ros  
Lydia Rubio  
Onajide Shabaka  
Stuart Sheldon  
Troy Simmons  
Ayesha Singh  
Symone Titania  
Fereshteh Toosi  
Juana Valdes  
Tom Virgin

### **Teacher Travel Grants**

Juana Meneses, New World School of the Arts  
Susan Feliciano, Robert Morgan Education Center High School  
Lourdes Fuller, Shenandoah Middle School  
Justin Long, New World School of the Arts  
Mirena Suarez, Ada Merritt K-8