

Excellence Awards

Interdisciplinary and Performance Art

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Trent Miller is a collaborator, painter, curator, and founder of *The Bubbler*, an award-winning program at Madison Public Library in Madison, Wisconsin. *The Bubbler* connects local artists with the public using the library as a conduit. This multi-staffed program has expanded into artist residencies, exhibitions, and a public collection all incubated at The Madison Public Library. Miller is an out of the box thinker and always does his best to support local art communities. His artwork has been in extensive solo and group shows at venues like the Hudson Opera House in Hudson, NY, and the Tory Folliard Gallery in Milwaukee, WI. *If Not This Then What* is a recent collaboration Miller did with local poet, J.L. Conrad, where a series of yard signs were distributed to anyone interested in having a sign. The signs could be read as inspirational by some and unsettling to others. This project was funded by a grant from The Madison Arts Commission. Miller received his M.F.A. from Boston University.

Corinne Spencer is a video-based artist working in Brooklyn, NY. Her work has been performed and exhibited throughout the US. In 2105, she was commissioned by the city of Boston to present the first segment of her ongoing video installation work, HUNGER at the contemporary arts festival, Arts Emerge Boston. Segments of HUNGER have been presented in numerous exhibitions including Samson Projects at NADA NY (New York, NY, 2016), Shanna Maurizi & Corinne Spencer, La MaMa, La Galleria (New York, NY, 2019), among others. Spencer is the recipient of the Franklin Furnace Fund Award, Foundation for the Contemporary Arts Grant, and the MacDowell Artist Colony Fellowship, among others. She is currently in residence with the Meerkat Media Collective in Brooklyn, NY. Spencer received her B.F.A. from Massachusetts College of Art and Design in 2010, attended the Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture in 2014, and is an M.F.A. candidate at the Bard Milton Avery Graduate School of the Arts.

Jillian Mayer is an artist and filmmaker. Her films have screened at festivals including Sundance, SXSW, Rottenberg Film Fest, and the New York Film Festival. She is a fellow of the Sundance Institute's New Frontiers Lab and New Narratives on Climate Change Lab, and her work has shown extensively across the world and US. Her solo shows include venues like Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts (Omaha, NE), Kunst Aarhus (Aarhus, Denmark), University of Buffalo Art Museum (Buffalo, NY), and Postmasters Gallery (New York, NY), among others. Mayer is a recipient of the Creative Capital Fellowship, South Florida Cultural Consortium Visual/Media Artists Fellowship, Cintas Foundation Fellowship for Cuban Artists, and was named one of the "25 New Faces of Independent Film" by Filmmaker Magazine. She has lectured at The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, CalArts, and Tufts University, among other institutions.

