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**SOMARTS CULTURAL CENTER AND
THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION PRESENT**
*Frontrunners: The San Francisco Foundation 2011
Murphy and Cadogan Fellowship Awards Exhibition*
Juried Selection Showcases Best of Bay Area MFA Programs

San Francisco, CA, July 14, 2011 — SOMArts Cultural Center and The San Francisco Foundation present a focused look at the future of the Bay Area visual and media arts landscape. *Frontrunners: The San Francisco Foundation 2011 Murphy & Cadogan Fellowship Awards Exhibition* showcases the work of promising visual artists from regional Masters in Fine Arts (MFA) programs working across disciplines.

Frontrunners (August 17 – September 16, 2011) is a survey of new work from the recipients of the competitive Jack and Gertrude Murphy Fellowships and the Edwin Anthony and Adelaine Bourdeaux Cadogan Fellowships in the Fine Arts. The exhibition identifies young artists whose work connects directly to the pulse of emerging trends.

Tere Romo, Program Officer for Arts and Culture at The San Francisco Foundation, commented, “The San Francisco Foundation is proud to support these exemplary graduate student artists as they develop and explore their artistic potential. The Murphy and Cadogan Awards lift up the next generation of creativity in the Bay Area, and are a vital component of The San Francisco Foundation’s artistic awards that foster innovative growth within our community.”

ACCOMPANYING EVENTS INCLUDE

Lesser But Vital Practices — Artist Talk
Tuesday, August 30, 5:30 to 7:00PM. Free admission.

Recipients of the 2011 Murphy and Cadogan fellowship discuss the evolution of their artistic practice through the exploration of individual and cultural identity. Moderated by SOMArts Curator & Gallery Director Justin Hoover.

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Closing Reception & Awards Ceremony

Friday, September 16, 6:30 to 9:00PM. Awards 7:00PM. Free admission.

\$3,500 tuition awards will be presented to all exhibiting artists and the winner of the coveted Juror's Choice Award, an additional \$3,500 award for outstanding accomplishments and promise, will be revealed.

Fellowship recipients were selected by curators Susan O'Malley of the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, Chris Perez of Ratio 3 Gallery, and Justin Hoover of SOMArts Cultural Center. After careful evaluation of the 120 portfolios submitted, the panel recommended the following outstanding MFA visual art students to receive awards.

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Andrew Chapman, *Stanford University*

Li Chen, *San Francisco Art Institute*

James Coquia, *California College of the Arts*

Christine Elfman, *California College of the Arts*

Joel Frudden, *San Francisco Art Institute*

Stephanie Halmos, *California College of the Arts*

Joey Izzo, *San Francisco State University*

Adam Katseff, *Stanford University*

Michael Koehle, *Mills College*

Senalka McDonald, *California College of the Arts*

Kate Nartker, *California College of the Arts*

Toyin Odutola, *California College of the Arts*

Rodrigo Ojeda-Beck, *University of California, Berkeley*

Kari Orvik, *University of California, Berkeley*

Maya Pasternak, *California College of the Arts*

Christine Peterson, *California College of the Arts*

Yulia Pinkusevich, *Stanford University*

Michelle Ramin, *San Francisco Art Institute*

Amy Rathbone, *University of California, Berkeley*

Helene Schlumberger, *California College of the Arts*

Sofia Sharpe, *Mills College*

Elia Vargas, *San Francisco State University*

Rachel Weiss, *San Francisco Art Institute*

The Murphy & Cadogan Fellowships, administered by The San Francisco Foundation, provide a varying number of annual tuition awards of \$3,500 to MFA students in support of exploring and developing their artistic potential in digital art, illustration, film/video, hybrid practice, installation, mixed media, painting, photography and sculpture.

SOMArts Executive Director Lex Leifheit commented, "SOMArts is committed to raising the voices of all who live in San Francisco by providing opportunities for creative expression. We frequently exhibit work by students of all ages and are thrilled to present *Frontrunners* with The San Francisco Foundation. It's an extraordinary opportunity for Bay Area audiences to discover new work and artists who have benefited from the scholarship, resources and inspiration which can be found in our city."

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LISTING

WHAT: *Frontrunners: The San Francisco Foundation
2011 Murphy and Cadogan Fellowship Awards Exhibition*

WHEN: 8/17/2011 – 9/16/2011

WHERE: SOMArts Main Gallery, 934 Brannan St., San Francisco, CA

GALLERY HOURS: Tuesday – Friday, 12 – 7PM. Saturday, 12 – 5PM

ARTIST TALK & SOCIAL: Lesser But Vital Practices — exploring art through the lens of the individual, 8/30/2011, 5:30 – 7PM

CLOSING RECEPTION & AWARDS CEREMONY: 9/16/2011, 6:30 – 9PM, awards at 7PM

MORE INFO: www.somarts.org/frontrunners

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ABOUT SOMArTS CULTURAL CENTER

Insurrection, Connection and Community through the Arts

SOMArts (South of Market Arts, Resources, Technology, and Services) was founded in 1979 and operates the South of Market Cultural Center, one of four city-owned cultural facilities in San Francisco. SOMArts supports exhibitions, performances, classes and other collaborations that serve its mission: to promote and nurture art on the community level and foster an appreciation of and respect for all cultures.

For more information about upcoming events, space rentals and technical services, visit www.somarts.org or call 415-863-1414.

SOMArts is supported by the Community Arts and Education Program of the San Francisco Arts Commission.

ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO FOUNDATION

The San Francisco Foundation is the community foundation serving the Bay Area since 1948, granting more than \$800 million over the past ten years. Through the generosity and vision of our family of donors, both past and present, The San Francisco Foundation awarded grants totaling \$76 million in fiscal year 2010. By focusing on policy, advocacy, community organizing, and systems change, the Foundation addresses community needs in the areas of community health, education, arts and culture, community development, and the environment. In response to the economic downturn, The San Francisco Foundation is focusing funding on safety net partners, job creation and training, and foreclosure response and neighborhood preservation for the next two years.

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