



Artists Selected for Guild House Residency 2017

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Five emerging artists across art disciplines have been awarded a spot in the 2017 Guild House Artist-in-Resident (AIR), offered by Guild Hall of East Hampton. Selections were made in the fields of literary, performing, and visual arts, and curatorial/critical studies with artists selected from an open call by a selection committee of Guild Hall Academy of the Arts members. Artists selected for the residency program are visual artists Lydia Hicks and Walter Price, curator Lucia Davis, pianist Tanya Gabrielian and writer Judson Merrill.



Lydia Davis was selected as one of the artists for Guild House AIR 2017. Photo courtesy Guild Hall.

The Selection Committee was made up of [Paul Goldberger](#), architectural critic and educator; [Ralph Gibson](#), photographer; [Stephen Hamilton](#), actor/director; and [Dava Sobel](#), science writer/novelist. Over 130 applications were received worldwide for the residency with the majority based in the United States. The upcoming Guild House AIR runs takes place for eight weeks from March 11 to May 7, 2017.

The program includes living space, a monthly stipend, access to mentorship through Guild Hall's Academy of the Arts and introductions to the cultural community of The Hamptons. Integral to the program is collaboration and conversations with artists of the region and partnerships with arts and cultural institutions of the East End.

"The Guild House AIR was founded in 2016 as a tenet of Guild Hall's mission to nurture, cultivate, and celebrate the artistic spirit of the East End of Long Island," stated Andrea Grover, Executive Director of Guild Hall, in the announcement. "Guild House AIR encourages the next generation to contribute to the area's rich creative legacy by bringing emerging artists to the region and providing a foundation for individual development."

Artists selected for the first Guild House Residency were multidisciplinary artist duo [Jennifer Hsu](#) and [James Q. Wang](#); author and writer [Iris Smyles](#); poet and college professor [Tom Yuill](#) and painter and artist [Arcmanoro Niles](#).

The 2017 Guild House Artist-in-Residence Fellows are:

Lucia Davis - Curatorial/Critical Studies. Selected by Paul Goldberger

[Lucia Davis](#) is a resident of Greenport on the North Fork of Long Island. She is the founder of [The Art Bus Project](#), a not-for-profit organization and mobile exhibit that provides access to art and the creative agenda to communities across the country. Prior to creating The Art Bus Project, she was Director of Content at [Obviously Social](#), a New York City social media agency. Additionally, Lucia is a journalist and editor, previously holding editorial positions at several trade publications, including [PR News](#) and [iMedia Connection](#). Her writing has appeared on [Atlas Obscura](#), in [Alumni Horae](#), on [minonline](#) and in [The Minetta Review](#), among others.

Tanya Gabrielian - Performing Artist. Selected by Steve Hamilton

[Tanya Gabrielian](#) has been hailed by the *London Times* as a “pianist of powerful physical and imaginative muscle.” Gabrielian sprung onto the international stage at the age of 20 with back-to-back wins in the Aram Khachaturyan International Piano Competition and the Scottish International Piano Competition. Since then, she has performed on four continents and in venues including Carnegie Hall, the Sydney Opera House, the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., the Wigmore Hall in London and the Salle Cortot in Paris, and with orchestras including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, and Royal Scottish National Orchestra.

Lydia Hicks - Visual Artist. Selected by Ralph Gibson

[Lydia Hicks](#) is an accomplished photographer, filmmaker and video artist. Her wildlife photography has been published with *National Geographic* and her cinematography has premiered at Sundance. Hicks’s filmmaking has taken her across the United States and into South Africa, Ecuador and Qatar. An educator and activist, Hicks infuses insights into identity politics concerning generational poverty, race, gender and sexual orientation into her art. Her current work, *Black in the Water*, is a multi-channel video installation that explores people of color and their relationships with water.

Judson Merrill - Literary Artist. Selected by Dava Sobel

[Judson Merrill](#)’s writing has appeared, or is forthcoming, in *The Iowa Review*, *The Southampton Review*, *Unstuck*, *McSweeney’s Internet Tendency*, *Used Furniture Review*, and other publications. He was recently a writing fellow at Lighthouse Works in New York and an Artist in Residence at Ox-Bow in Michigan. Judson studied literature and writing at Brown University and received his MFA from Brooklyn College, where he also taught composition and fiction for several years, but he is from, of, and forever bound for Maine.

Walter Price - Visual Artist. Selected by Ralph Gibson

[Walter Price](#) was born in Macon, Georgia and now lives and works in Brooklyn, NY. After serving in the U.S. Navy from 2007 through 2011, he enrolled in Middle Georgia College and then went on to study at the Art Institute of Washington where he received his B.A. His art has been the subject of solo shows at Karma in New York City and at The Modern Institute in Glasgow. His paintings have been exhibited in group shows held in Amagansett, Brooklyn, New York City and Macon, Georgia.

His work has also been on view at art fairs in Miami, Mexico City, New York and Paris.

BASIC FACTS: The second annual Guild House Artist-in-Resident (AIR) takes place from March 11 to May 7, 2017. Click [here](#) for details. Opportunities for the public to meet the artists will be arranged during the residency. [Guild Hall](#) is a year-round visual and performing arts center dedicated to serving the community and the artists of the East End of Long Island. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main St, East Hampton, NY 11937. www.guildhall.org.

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