

# Artists

## PERFORMING ARTISTS

### Comedy

Josh Blue, Colorado  
Kathy Buckley, California  
Brett Leake, Virginia

### Dance

Artes Muy Especiales Youth  
Dance Company, Guatemala  
AXIS Dance, California  
Blue Eyed Soul Dance Company,  
United Kingdom  
China Disabled People's  
Performing Art Troupe,  
People's Republic of China  
CIM-Integrated Multidisciplinary  
Company, Portugal  
Dagipoli Dance Company, Greece  
The Dancing Wheels Company,  
Ohio  
Kosala Uditha Kumara Dullewa,  
Sri Lanka  
The Moving Company,  
Massachusetts  
Karen Peterson and Dancers,  
Florida  
Tamar Rogoff Performance  
Projects, *Diagnosis of a Faun*  
cast: Lucie Baker (New York),  
Dr. Donald Kollisch (New  
Hampshire), Gregg Mozgala  
(New York), Emily Pope-  
Blackman (New York)  
Bill Shannon, Pennsylvania  
The Wild Zappers, Maryland

### Literary Arts

Riua Akinshangun, California  
Steven Brown, Hawaii  
James Ferris, Michigan  
Anne Finger, California  
Fishamble: The New Play  
Company/Arts Disability Ireland,  
Ireland: John Austin Connolly,  
Steve Daunt, Stephen Kennedy,  
Rosaleen McDonagh  
Lynn Manning, California  
Kathi Wolfe, Virginia

### Music

Adrian Anantawan, Canada  
artsJam! Detroit Percussion  
Ensemble, Michigan  
Marleena Coulston Barber,  
California  
Catherine Branch, Wisconsin

Papa Henry Butler and the  
Steamin' Syncopators, Louisiana  
Azariah Tan Peng Chay,  
Singapore  
Guywood Dela Cruz, Hawaii  
Martin Deschamps, Canada  
Briana Duensing, Florida  
Forró no Escuro, Brazil  
Quamon Fowler Quartet, Texas  
Melody Gardot, Pennsylvania  
Dame Evelyn Glennie,  
United Kingdom  
Ju Hyeon Han, New Zealand  
Narimichi Kawabata, Japan  
Salif Keita, Mali  
Patti LaBelle  
Lake Rise Place, Tennessee  
Prudence Mabhena, Zimbabwe  
Raul Midón, Maryland  
Dotan Nitzberg, Israel  
Blessing Offor, Connecticut  
The Ransom Notes, Colorado  
Rudely Interrupted, Australia  
Matt Savage Trio, Massachusetts  
Diane Schuur  
Aria Stiles, Minnesota  
Frank Strong, Iowa

### Theater

Fred Beam, Maryland  
Amy Lynn Budd, Rhode Island  
*Gretty Good Time* cast:  
Field Blauvelt (District of  
Columbia), Jeanette Buck  
(Ohio), Daniel Eichner (District  
of Columbia), Caitlin Gold (New  
York), Rosemary Regan (District  
of Columbia), Ann Colby  
Stocking (California)  
Anita Hollander, New York  
Marlee Matlin  
MO2 Productions, District of  
Columbia  
*Nobody's Perfect* cast: Florrie  
Bagel (Maryland), Rachel  
Brennan (Pennsylvania), Kip  
Pierson (District of Columbia),  
Tami Lee Santmyer (District  
of Columbia), Zurin Villanueva  
(New York)  
Perlan Theater Group, Iceland  
Quest, Maryland  
Theater Alliance, District of  
Columbia  
Uganda Deaf Silent Theatre,  
Uganda  
VSA Virginia, Loudoun County  
Alexandria Wailes, New York

## VISUAL ARTISTS

### Arte Postale Exhibition \* at the U.S. Department of Education

Angel, Argentina  
Jose, California  
Sydney, Connecticut  
Jonathan, Andrea, Yadira, and  
Carlos, Ecuador\*\*  
Heba Sayed, Egypt  
Shaymaa, Egypt  
Julie, France  
Matthieu, France  
Ansley, Georgia  
Larry, Illinois  
Kyle, Indiana  
Mohammad, Jordan  
Nzula, Kenya  
Peter, Kenya  
Munira, Kuwait  
Austin, Maryland  
Lucas, New York  
Emmanuel, New York  
Samantha, Nicaragua  
Camilo, Philippines  
Stephanie, Puerto Rico  
Chris, Rhode Island  
Yousef, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
L.A. Prasad, Sri Lanka  
Sarah, Tennessee  
Jaden and Elizabeth, Virginia\*\*

\*\*Denotes collaborative work

### State of the Art Exhibition \* at Union Station

Margaret, Alabama  
Lukas, Alaska  
Victor, Arizona  
Chad, Arkansas  
Sebastian, California  
Amino, Colorado  
Shardia, Connecticut  
Ryan, Delaware  
Khadijah, District of Columbia  
Jack, Florida  
Alexis, Georgia  
Kiana, Hawaii  
Justin, Idaho  
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Austin, Indiana  
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Jalyn, Tennessee  
Joseph, Texas  
Raquelle, Utah  
Taylor, Vermont  
Tyler, Virginia  
Anna, Washington  
Cody, West Virginia  
Dakota, Wisconsin  
Mary, Wyoming

\* For privacy reasons, student  
artists listed by first name only

### Kennedy Center Exhibitions

Dale Chihuly, Washington  
Liz Crow, United Kingdom  
Mark di Suvero, New York  
Hirokazu Fukawa, Connecticut  
Will Pergl, Wisconsin  
Judith Scott, California  
Yinka Shonibare, MBE,  
United Kingdom

### Revealing Culture at the Smithsonian Institution's International Gallery

Jamshid Agayev, Azerbaijan  
Leni D. Anderson, Ohio  
Stephanie Bachiero, California  
Loretta Bebeau, Minnesota  
Jon Berge, Ohio  
R. Jane Bouchard, New York  
Allen Bryan, New York

Christina Casebeer, California  
 Martin Charlot, California  
 Amy Charmatz, New Jersey  
 Kenn Coplan, Arizona  
 Henry Coupe, New York  
 Liz Crow, United Kingdom  
 Liz Doles, Massachusetts  
 Emily Eifler, California  
 Jeffrey Erken, Washington  
 Emmet Estrada, Rhode Island  
 Joan Fabian, Texas  
 Justin Michael Finnegan,  
 Louisiana  
 David S. Forbes, Australia  
 Barbara Freeman, California  
 Ju Gosling, aka ju90,  
 United Kingdom  
 Lesley Haas, Pennsylvania  
 Michelle Lisa Herman,  
 District of Columbia  
 Jesse Higman, Washington  
 Busser Howell, New York  
 Sophie Kahn, New York  
 Catherine Larson, Illinois  
 Riva Lehrer, Illinois  
 Beth Livingston, Montana  
 Mary Lucier, New York  
 Julie Lusson, Florida  
 Sheri C. Marshall, Mississippi  
 Simon Mckeown, United  
 Kingdom  
 Pedro Luis Mejía Granja,  
 Guatemala  
 Coralina Meyer, New York  
 Amy Miller, Florida  
 Janet Morrow, Texas  
 Jeff Nelson, New York  
 William A. Newman, District of  
 Columbia  
 Lynnda Pardoe, Illinois  
 Juan Pierri, California  
 Isaac Powell, Louisiana  
 Jose Rivera, New York  
 Judith Scott, California  
 Janet Yagoda Shagam,  
 New Mexico  
 Bill Shannon, Pennsylvania  
 Katherine Sherwood, California  
 Sunaura Taylor, California  
 Anne Teahan, United Kingdom  
 Gwynneth VanLaven, Virginia  
 Mark Wittig, Oklahoma  
 Judson Wright, New York  
 Rhonda Zwilling, Arizona

**Revealing Culture II  
 at the Kennedy Center**

Gabe Anderson, Canada  
 Ines Andouche, Belgium  
 Sarah Mohamed Atef, Egypt  
 Christophe Baudouin, France  
 Serge Delaunay, Belgium  
 Erling Fredriksson, Sweden  
 Kelvin Free, Canada  
 Sergio Giraldo Giraldo, Colombia  
 Walter Herzberg, Mexico  
 Joseph Jobst, Austria  
 Rokhaya Kamara, Senegal  
 Ko Nam, China  
 Luis Passalacqua, Puerto Rico  
 Mohammed Qarshoum,  
 Saudi Arabia  
 Muthukrishnan Ramalingam,  
 India  
 George Widener, North Carolina

**Sight Unseen:  
 Photography by Blind Artists  
 at the Kennedy Center**

Ralph Baker, New York  
 Evgen Bavcar, France  
 Henry Butler, Louisiana  
 Pete Eckert, California  
 Bruce Hall, California  
 Annie Hesse, France  
 Rosita McKenzie, Scotland  
 Gerardo Nigenda, Mexico  
 Michael Richard, California  
 Seeing with Photography  
 Collective, New York  
 Kurt Weston, California  
 Alice Wingwall, California

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**Start with the Arts Family Day  
 at the Smithsonian  
 American Art Museum**  
 Kemlyn Tan Bappe, Iowa  
 Tom Harmon, Mississippi  
 Richard Jenkins, Oklahoma  
 Marquetta Bell Johnson, Georgia  
 Sharon Leary, New York

**FILM FESTIVAL**

Director (producer), *title*  
 Laura Bari (Mila Aung-Thwin and  
 Daniel Cross), *Antoine*, Canada  
 Nic Balthazar (Peter Bouckaert  
 and Erwin Provoost), *Ben X*,  
 Belgium  
 Santiago Zannou (Aitana de Val  
 and Luis de Val), *El Truco Del  
 Manco*, Spain  
 Mark Moorman (Cathy Bigham,  
 James Bigham, Lourdes Little,  
 Christina Vidal), *For Once in My  
 Life*, Florida  
 Félix Fernández de Castro (Jordi  
 Ambrose, Veronica Pensosi,  
 Loris Omedes), *Maria y Yo*,  
 Spain  
 Niko von Glasow (Ewa Borowski,  
 Frank Henschke, Anne-Sophie  
 Quancard), *Nobody's Perfect*,  
 Germany  
 Hilari Scarl (Wordplay, Inc.), *See  
 What I'm Saying: The Deaf  
 Entertainers Documentary*,  
 California  
 Mat Whitecross (Damian Jones),  
*Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll*,  
 United Kingdom  
 Lou Birks (Emily Kyriakides),  
*Stubborn and Spite*, United  
 Kingdom  
 Majid Majidi (Seyyed Saeed  
 Seyedzadeh), *The Willow Tree*,  
 Iran  
 Catherine van Campden,  
*Drona & Ik*, Netherlands  
 Roger Ross Williams (Elinor  
 Burkett), *Music by Prudence*,  
 Zimbabwe  
 Justin Edgar (Alex Osborne),  
*Special People*, United  
 Kingdom

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 participating in the festival—  
 their creativity inspires all who  
 see their work.**

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“When I join my fellow performers onstage I’m an *actress*—not an actress who is Deaf. From the time the curtain goes up to the moment we take our bows, what’s important is the creativity and collective talent we bring to our work. Our differences add to that creative mix, but the most powerful source of expression for any artist lies beyond differences or disabilities. It’s simply our need—and our joy—to tell our stories about what it means to be human.”

Marlee Matlin, Academy Award-winning actress









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