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Contemporary Art Museum awarded \$25,000 grant through PNC Arts Alive to support St. Louis's Museum Pathways Project, Diversity Fellowship Program

ST. LOUIS – July 12, 2017 – The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) announces the Museum Pathways Project, an initiative to promote diversity and equity at CAM and the wider museum culture. With the benefit of a \$25,000 grant from the PNC Foundation through the [PNC Arts Alive](#) initiative, CAM's Museum Pathways Project (MPP) will purposefully utilize existing youth education programs such as LEAP Middle School Intensive, Teen Museum Studies, and New Art in the Neighborhood as a pipeline toward careers in the arts.

"We know what art can do, how it changes perspectives, even changes lives," said Michael Scully, PNC regional president for St. Louis. "The Museum Pathways Project is especially important because it takes proactive steps toward making museum culture more inclusive, which benefits both institutions and their communities."

A major component of the Project is the PNC Arts Alive Diversity Fellowship. The program comprises one undergraduate fellowship (three-month period) and one post-graduate fellowship (nine-month period). Diversity Fellows, selected from groups and/or cultural backgrounds underrepresented in the museum professions, will receive a stipend while gaining hands-on knowledge in all aspects of museum work at CAM.

CAM Executive Director Lisa Melandri said of the initiative, "Throughout the museum field we are motivated to make our profession more diverse—to make sure museums are welcoming, inclusive, and relevant to all. Thanks to PNC Arts Alive, we are providing more opportunities to a new generation of arts professionals. Museums and museum goers will all benefit from their wider range of experiences and perspectives."

CAM is currently taking applications for both the undergraduate and post-graduate fellowships. For information visit camstl.org/jobs.

About PNC Arts Alive

PNC Arts Alive is a multi-year initiative of the PNC Foundation dedicated to supporting visual and performing arts groups with the goal of increasing arts access and engagement in new and innovative ways. The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group, actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture.

About the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis

The Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM) presents, supports, and celebrates the art of our time. It is the premier museum in St. Louis dedicated to contemporary art. Focused on a dynamic array of changing exhibitions, CAM provides a thought-provoking program that reflects and contributes to the global cultural landscape. Through the diverse perspectives offered in its exhibitions, public programs, and educational initiatives, CAM actively engages a range of audiences to challenge their perceptions. It is a site for discovery, a gathering place in which to experience and enjoy contemporary visual culture. CAM is located in the Grand Center Arts District.

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