

News Briefs

NEWS

■ **Joan Jonas** has been chosen to represent the United States at the 2015 Venice Biennale. Paul C. Ha, the director of the M.I.T. List Visual Arts Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, is the commissioner of the exhibition, a site-specific installation that will incorporate video, drawing, objects, and sound.



Joan Jonas.

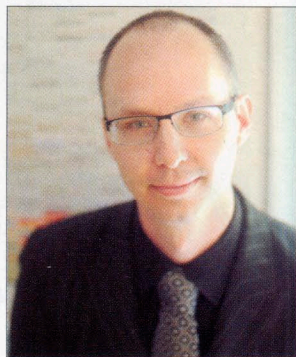
TRANSITIONS

■ **Kerry Brougher** has been named director of the new **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Museum** in Los Angeles. Brougher was most recently the interim director and chief curator of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.



Kerry Brougher.

■ **Aaron Ott** has been appointed to the newly created position of Public Art Curator at the **Albright-Knox Art Gallery** in Buffalo, New York. Ott was most recently a Curatorial Resident for HATCH Projects.



Aaron Ott.

■ **Tom Finkelpearl** has been appointed **Commissioner of the Department of Cultural Affairs** in New York City. Finkelpearl previously served as the president and executive director of the Queens Museum.

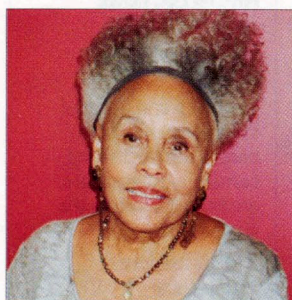


Tom Finkelpearl.

■ **Renny Pritikin** is the new chief curator of the **Contemporary Jewish Museum** in San Francisco. Most recently, Pritikin served as director of the Richard L. Nelson Gallery and Fine Arts Collection at the University of California, Davis.

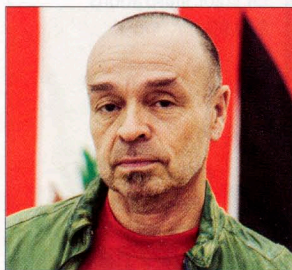
AWARDS

■ **Betye Saar** is the recipient of the 55th **Edward MacDowell Medal**. The medal is given annually by the MacDowell Colony in New Hampshire to an individual artist who has made an outstanding contribution to his or her field.



Betye Saar.

■ **Daniel Joseph Martinez** is among the winners of the **Herb Alpert Award in the Arts**. The \$75,000 prize is given annually to five mid-career artists by the Herb Alpert Foundation in collaboration with the California Institute of the Arts.



Daniel Joseph Martinez.

■ **The Maramotti Family** has won the **American Art Award**, an original artwork commissioned from an American artist by the Whitney Museum of American Art. The honor is given annually to individuals and organizations that have made a sustained commitment to the artistic and cultural heritage of the arts in America.

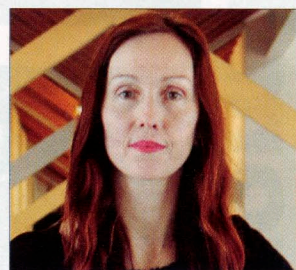
■ **Kehinde Wiley, Ai Weiwei, and Jenny Holzer** have won the **Asher B. Durand Award**. The award is presented annually by the Brooklyn Museum.



Kehinde Wiley.

■ **Donna Dennis** has won the **Award of Merit Medal for Sculpture**, a \$25,000 prize given annually to an American artist by the American Academy of Arts and Letters in New York.

■ **Andrea Grover** is the recipient of the **Emily Hall Tremain Exhibition Award**, a \$150,000 prize given biennially to contemporary art curators by the Emily Hall Tremain Foundation in Connecticut.



Andrea Grover.

■ **Kathy Butterly, Xavier Cha, Andrew Moore, and Patty Chang** are among this year's **Guggenheim Fellows**. Presented annually by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, the fellowship honors achievements in the arts and sciences. —*Kuoure Thomas*