



Greater New Orleans Foundation Announces Artists MaPó Kinnord and Dave Hurlbert as the 2022 and 2023 COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Award Program Winners



MaPó Kinnord
Photo credit: Hellis Foundation



Dave Hurlbert
Photo credit: The New Orleans Dance Network

The awards program makes grants to local nonprofits and awards a \$10,000 grant to the selected artist or group whose work challenges and inspires the community

New Orleans (April 13, 2023) – The Greater New Orleans Foundation (Foundation) announced artists MaPó Kinnord and Dave Hurlbert as the 2022 and 2023 COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Award program winners. As the winners, Kinnord and Hurlbert will each receive \$10,000 and be honored at a special reception at the Greater New Orleans Foundation’s Center for Philanthropy. **The COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Award** is made possible due to a generous bequest from Marianne and Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr. and given

annually.

“We are thrilled to announce artist MaPó Kinnord as the 2022 and Dave Hurlbert as the 2023 COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Award winners,” said **Andy Kopplin, President and CEO, Greater New Orleans Foundation**. “Both artists were selected because their work truly embodies the challenges we endure in society and inspires us to be our best. And as we celebrate 100 years of philanthropy, leadership, and action, there is no better time than now to uplift two very unique local artists who exemplify the artistic diversity within our region.”

The COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Award is made to nonprofits supporting the arts through education and community programs, and also includes a special award presented to an individual artist or group from our region whose work in the visual arts, performance, music, or culinary arts is judged to best exemplify how the arts can challenge and inspire us, and in so doing, enrich our lives.

“We are delighted to recognize MaPó Kinnord and Dave Hurlbert, two artists who each in their own way best represent the diversity of talent to be found in the New Orleans creative community,” said **Ian J. Cohn**. “MaPó’s sculpture and ceramics invite quiet contemplation, her teaching an inspiration for the next generation of artists. Dave, through his conversion of the Holy Trinity Church into the Marigny Opera House has reinvigorated a neighborhood and transformed a community, while his work as an impresario provides opportunities for artists to explore alternative forms of theatrical expression and has engaged New Orleans audiences with new forms of entertainment.

“The Cohn Family is grateful to the GNOF organization for their assistance and participation in making the vision of this annual award possible, especially GNOF Committee members who so generously share their passion to discover and recognize artists from within the NOLA community. This singular award, as well as grants provided to several NOLA based community organizations, is made possible by a fund established by our father/ grandfather, Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr. and his wife Marianne Cohn. We are confident that the Awardees well represent their wishes and the legacy embodied in their gift.”

“Receiving the 2022 COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS award is truly an honor,” said **artist MaPó Kinnord**. “Since I became an artist, I’ve always strived to make pieces that draw individuals in and cause reflection on the bigger questions of life. I’m blessed to be able to create art that speaks differently to each person.”

“Thank you to the Greater New Orleans Foundation and the COHN Art Awards for this recognition,” said **artist Dave Hurlbert**. “Art is tactical emotion on display. It’s vulnerable, invigorating and allows us to be our best self.”

“I look forward to the COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS award every year,” said **Jeanette M. Davis-Loeb, Board Secretary, Greater New Orleans Foundation**. “It provides an opportunity to see the best and brightest artists in our city create and inspire others to do the same. MaPó Kinnord and Dave Hurlbert are both so incredibly deserving of this award for their creativity, innovation, and impact on New Orleans and its people.”

About the COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Award:

To be eligible for the award all nominees must either be a resident of the Greater New Orleans region, or have made a consistent, significant contribution to the arts in the Greater New Orleans region, or a significant portion of their practice is based in the Greater New Orleans region. Preference will be given to artists (whether established or up-and-coming) who have received critical recognition for excellence in their practice in New Orleans and beyond.

The awardee receives \$10,000 and is selected by the COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Advisory Committee which is composed of Foundation board members, community members selected by the Foundation, and representatives of the Cohn family. The members of the Advisory Committee are responsible for nominating potential candidates, reviewing those nominees through a deliberate process, and selecting the honoree. There is no an application process for this award.

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About the Cohns:

Dr. Isidore Cohn, Jr. (1921-2015), a lifelong resident of New Orleans, served as chairman of the Department of Surgery at the LSU School of Medicine and as Surgeon-in-Chief of the LSU Service at Charity Hospital from 1962-1989, transforming the department into a nationally recognized center of excellence. In 2001 LSUHSC named a new state-of-the-art surgical training facility, the Isidore Cohn, Jr. MD Student Learning Center, in his honor.

Marianne Winter Miller Cohn (1928-2019) devoted her life to philanthropy, beginning as a teenage volunteer at National Jewish Hospital (now National Jewish Health) in Denver, ultimately becoming the first woman to be elected to its governing board during her 70 years of active support.

As significant contributors to the Greater New Orleans Foundation, the Cohns left their house in Old Metairie to the Foundation, which used the proceeds from its sale to establish the Dr. and Mrs. Isidore Cohn, Jr. Fund, which has led to the creation of the COHN | GNOF | NOLA | ARTS Awards program.

About the Greater New Orleans Foundation:

With roots extending 100 years, the Greater New Orleans Foundation connects generous people to the causes that spark their passion. As one of the most trusted philanthropic organizations in the region, we work every day to drive positive impact through philanthropy, leadership, and action in our thirteen-parish region. In addition to grantmaking, we convene people, resources, and ideas to create intelligent strategies and solutions to meet our region's greatest challenges. We are proud to serve as a vocal civic leader with our partners to ensure a vibrant, sustainable, and just region for all.