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Guidelines Released for 2014 Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellowships

Five \$25,000 fellowships to be awarded to Midwest-based artists

INDIANAPOLIS, IN – Five selected contemporary Midwestern visual artists will each receive a \$25,000 Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellowship made possible by The Efroymsen Family Fund, a donor-advised fund of Central Indiana Community Foundation.

Established in 2004, the Fellowship program was created to increase awareness of contemporary art in the Midwest. The intent of the Fellowship is to reward creativity and encourage individual visual artists by supporting their artistic development. The Fellowship program has distributed \$825,000 to 40 contemporary Midwestern visual artists since its inception.

Fellowship categories are restricted to Installation, Sculpture and New Media, and selection criteria is based upon: Quality and skill; creativity and uniqueness; commitment to developing the work; and impact the award will have on the artist's career. To be eligible, artists must: Be age 25 or older by May 8, 2014; a resident of either Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota or Wisconsin as of May 2013; and make a commitment to reside in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota or Wisconsin for the duration of the fellowship (September 2014-September 2015).

Fellowship applications will be accepted beginning Monday, March 24th, 2014 through Thursday, May 8, 2014. Artists interested in applying for the 9th round of Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellowships can access the complete guidelines and application on the Central Indiana Community Foundation website (www.cicf.org) and also at cicf.org/efroymsen-contemporary-arts-fellowships.

For additional information, applicants should contact Mary Johnson at maryj@cicf.org, or 317-634-2423.

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ABOUT THE EFROYMSON FAMILY FUND:

The Efroymsen Family Fund is a donor-advised fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation and continues a long legacy of charitable commitment by the Efroymsen family in central Indiana. The Efroymsen Family Fund was established in 1998 by Dan and Lori Efroymsen

to promote the viability of communities and to date has awarded more than \$80 million in grants in central Indiana and beyond.

ABOUT CENTRAL INDIANA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION:

Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) is a \$694 million public foundation transforming the lives of central Indiana residents in three ways: consulting donors, family foundations and their professional advisors on charitable giving; awarding grants to effective not-for-profit organizations; and providing leadership to seize opportunities and address community needs. CICF was established in 1997 as a partnership between The Indianapolis Foundation, serving Marion County since 1916, and Legacy Fund, serving Hamilton County since 1991.

For more information about CICF or The Efroymsen Family Fund, visit cicf.org, or contact Mike Knight at mikek@cicf.org, or at 317.634.2423.