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## The Prince Claus Fund announces the Six Recipients of the Prince Claus Impact Award



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The Recipients of the Impact Award 2024 are Mu Cao, a self-taught poet and fiction writer based in China; Myrlande Constant, a visual artist from Haiti; Nguyễn Trinh Thi, a filmmaker and artist from Vietnam; Rosa Chávez, a poet and activist from Guatemala; Sana Na N’Hada, a filmmaker from Guinea-Bissau; and Va-Bene Elikem Fiatsi, also known as crazinisT artisT, a multidisciplinary activist, curator, mentor, and philanthropist from Ghana.

“In times of global crises, it has been the work of such cultural practitioners and activists, that drives us forward, as their selfless work advocates for social change through the power of culture.” - Marcus Desando, Prince Claus Fund Executive Director.

With a generous monetary prize and an emphasis on meaningful social engagement, the Impact Awards stand out as one of the most prestigious recognitions in the realm of arts and culture. The recipients are honoured at the Awards Ceremony held in December at the Royal Palace of Amsterdam.

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The recipients have been carefully handpicked by an international jury of five highly inspiring individuals. The Jury members come from a diverse range of backgrounds, disciplines, and localities, bringing a wealth of experience and unique perspectives to the selection process. This year's jury is led by chair Pablo Leon de la Barra, a curator and researcher based in Mexico. Joining him are Kettly Mars, an awardee novelist and poet based in Haiti; Anocha Suwichakornpong, a filmmaker and screenwriter based in Thailand; Sammi Balaji, a photographer and visual artist based in Belgium; and Avni Sethi, an interdisciplinary practitioner and leader in the South-Asian arts scene based in India. Together, they bring a wealth of diverse perspectives to the selection process, making this year's winners a truly exceptional group.

“The practice of art is the place of resistance against the natural inclination towards self-destruction of human beings. This year's Impact Awardees continue this work of resistance by tirelessly going against the grain of destructive narratives, prejudices, and phobias.” - Kettly Mars.

Main Image: Prince Claus Fund Impact Awardees 2024, courtesy of the Prince Claus Fund. Photograph: Frank van Beek.