

Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts (FSA) Spring 2023 Programs Press Release

Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts (FSA) is delighted to welcome artists Karen Brummund and Yusuf Misdaq to Charleston for our spring residency program. Both artists work across a dynamic range of media and deeply engage with issues of faith and spirituality. Their work aims to energize diverse communities, fostering a spirit of harmony, reflection, and empathy. These residencies will afford them time for quiet retreat in the studio alongside public programming with local audiences. Please refer to FSA's [website](#) for more information about their work and updates on their residency projects



FSA Spring 2023 Artist-in-Residence: Karen Brummund

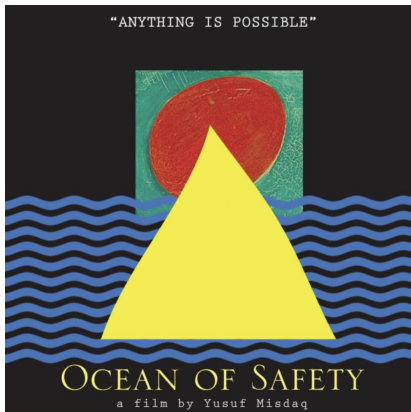
Based in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, environmental installation artist [Karen Brummund](#) makes art in response to places and communities around the world, “researching aesthetic ways to create dialogue in public space” through time-based drawings of architecture. As part of her residency, she will lead several community-oriented workshops in Charleston to create a new work, *Performing Harmony*, which will be presented as part of FSA’s participation in Charleston’s Spirited Brunch festival. See below for more details.





FSA Spring 2023 Artist-in-Residence: Yusuf Misdag

Los Angeles-based English/Afghan artist, musician, filmmaker, and novelist **Yusuf Misdag** will activate FSA's newest residency building in Charleston. He will create new work culminating in an installation and performance as part of FSA's Spring Garden Party and the Spirited Brunch festival. This immersive event will include ambient synth music, psychedelic pop, and Islamic chanting accompanied by corresponding paintings, text, film, and objects. Yusuf's residency facilitates themes of peace and unity, drawing inspiration from The Ashtiname of Prophet Muhammad, a letter written by the Prophet granting protection to the Christian community of St. Catherine's Monastery in the Sinai.



Performance and Workshops by FSA Artists-in-Residence for Spirited Brunch

This is FSA's second year participating in the **Spirited Brunch** festival in partnership with Charleston Interreligious Council, taking place on April 23rd in Charleston's downtown historic district. During this self-guided tour through Charleston's sacred spaces, various houses of worship open their doors and offer food to share with the community.



Hosted by Grace Church Cathedral, Brummund's public workshop reflects on concepts of play, imperfection, balance, and wonder – an invitation to congregants and visitors alike to “perform harmony” in their own lives through art making. The public is cordially invited to meet the artist and join in the workshop from **1:00 to 3:00 pm** in front of the cathedral.

FSA's project for last year's Spirited Brunch brought internationally renowned Indonesian performance artist Arahmaiani to Charleston to present her public street performance, the Flags Project, as part of her residency with FSA. Video documentation is available online [HERE](#).

Video Recordings of Recent FSA Programs

Earlier in March, we partnered with Charleston Interreligious Council and Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (KKBE) Synagogue to present a keynote talk by Dr. Aaron Rosen on visual culture and society from an interfaith perspective: “What Would Jesus See: A Jewish Look at How Jesus Saw the World.”

Click [HERE](#) to view the program.



We are thrilled to share a video recording from FSA's Inspired Brunch program that took place in New York City last November, “Soul Speculation: Dr. Maria Fee on the Art of Theaster Gates”

Click [HERE](#) to view the program



Foundation for Spirituality and the Arts (Based in New York and Charleston) fosters conversations, provides funded residencies for artists, and produces other programs to nurture connections between spirituality, religious faith, and contemporary art.

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