

Pro Bono Update

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EASL's Pro Bono and Fine Arts Committees presented a panel on estates issues for artists called "Your Art Will Outlive You" on January 11, 2017 at the New York Foundation for the Arts' (NYFA) offices in Dumbo. Attorneys Elisabeth Conroy, Peter Arcese, and Declan Redfern and Alicia Ehni of NYFA Learning discussed practical tips for artists including how to draft their wills, dispose of their estates (including their bodies of work) as well as how to address the tax implications of these various courses of action. Judith Prowda, former EASL Chair and Fine Arts Committee Co-Chair, co-moderated the panel with Carol Steinberg, EASL's Assistant Treasurer, Pro Bono Steering Committee member, and Fine Arts Committee Co-Chair. NYFA generously hosted the panel and provided invaluable input from artists as to issues they have encountered. The panel was well-attended and very successful.

NYFA also invited EASL to provide two days of legal basics for the 2017 Arts Business Incubator Program. NYFA created this grant program to support and mentor arts business start-ups. This year six for-profit groups were chosen. Carol Steinberg coordinated the speakers and topics to give the groups background in business essentials and to give them the tools to issue spot as they grow their businesses into thriving entities. Steve Ma-



sur and Andrea Casillas of MG+ co-moderated with Carol and also covered some of the basics. Other speakers included attorneys Katherine Wilson-Milne, David Bondy, Benjamin Steiner, Lena Wong, Elyse Dreyer, Cheryl Davis, Margaret Wheeler-Frothingham, Judith Bass, and Joan Faier.

One of the days was held at Eyebeam, because it is partnering with NYFA, providing residency space to one of the participants working in the art and technology area. It is a fascinating organization and has spawned some interesting projects including BuzzFeed. The Eyebeam Board met with the groups and speakers. In addition, Phil Gilbert, the head of IBM Design, visited with the new members, as he and IBM helped NYFA in designing the program.

Clinics

The next Pro Bono Clinic will be held on Sunday March 5th, in conjunction with the IP Section, at Dance/ NYC's Annual Symposium, held at the Gibney Dance Center near City Hall. E-blasts were sent to all EASL and IP Section members.





Clinics

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We look forward to working with all of you, and to making pro bono resources available to every EASL member.

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