The 2015 BAU-Otranto Fellows:

- Paulette Long, Visual Arts, Bellingham, WA
- Caryn Friedlander, Visual Arts, Stuyvesant Falls, NY
- Josh Campbell, Visual Arts, Brooklyn, NY
- Carrie Brittenham
- Barbara Bloemink, Literary Arts, New York, NY
- Grace Anieza Ali

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Guidance was offered with patience and grace.

Mille Grazie BAU hosted several banquets and Fellows entertained each other in their unique architecture that continues to flourish as BAU Institute.

They also saw a Byzantine church of San Pietro. Dott Codacci Pisanelli gave his insightful tour of the Cathedral mosaics and the Bauxite quarry and to the Valle delle Memorie, as local folklore has it, “where the dogs are not dogs, and the cats are not cats...”

There were multiple boat trips that allowed an intimate view of the coast and time to reflect.

The Fellows appreciated the cooking class offered by chef Natalia Beltrami. The Fellows also witnessed the summer solstice in the Ipogeo of Torre Pinta, a Neolithic or mineral. I chose to uproot them... to make them dance to the rhythm of the Taranta, local healing ritual mixing music, trance and devotion. I wanted to put the everything, they are the ancestors. One no longer knows if...they are vegetable crumbling, twisted, hooked on life. They have seen everything, experienced...

ARRIVAL & SETTLEMENT

In June 2015 in Otranto, the city of the famed Castle and Cathedral. Eight artists were invited to the residency. Photographer Dorothy Handelman made individual critiques given to all who met with her. The painter Mary Judge was much appreciated for her focused and incisive individual critiques given to all who met with her.

The artists shared their work in open studio events in the Castle. Poet JoAnn’s Open Studios

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