

## **SEED honoree Artist Julie Mehretu:**



**Julie Mehretu** is a world renowned painter, born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1970 who lives and works in New York City and Berlin. She is a recipient of many awards, including the The MacArthur Award (2005) and the US Department of State Medal of Arts Award (2015).

### **SEED honors Julie Mehretu:**

**As a distinguished role model & internationally recognized artist, as an outstanding educator and mentor to so many aspiring artists around the globe, in acknowledgement of her accomplishments as a MacArthur Genius Grant & other Awards, in recognition of her outstanding work as one of the leading contemporary artists of our time, whose work has brought abstract art with Ethiopian touch and tradition to the world stage, in appreciation of her financial support to community organizations in the Diaspora and for her demonstrated love of country.**