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**Kingston Arts Council and Community Foundation for
Kingston & Area announce recipient of
2017 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA) are pleased to announce that Jennifer Demitor is the recipient of the 2017 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development.

The Nan Yeomans Grant, valued at \$2,500 and made possible through an endowment fund held by the CFKA, assists promising young artists and/or artisans in furthering their education and professional artistic growth. Nan Yeomans was a prominent Kingston artist dedicated to supporting local and emerging artists in the visual arts. The KAC administers the grant and the recipient is selected by a peer jury of artists and arts professionals. The 2017 Jury included photographer Bernard Clark, Indigenous artist and educator, Deb St. Amant and curator and gallery manager, Kate Ducharme.

About Jennifer Demitor



Jennifer Demitor is an installation artist and registered architect based currently living in Kingston. She is originally from Kelowna, BC, where she completed her *Bachelor of Fine Arts* (2006) at UBC-Okanagan. Subsequently, she travelled across the country to get her *Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies* (2008) and *Master of Architecture* (2010) from Dalhousie University in Halifax. After working primarily as an architect, she realized her artistic and architectural practices were intertwined and could inform and enhance each other. Her work uses the built environment to adjust our perceptions of the natural world and connect us to our surroundings. These architectural installations are often

built in situ and either engage with or evolve out of their locales. She has had several jury selected installations and sculptures in various festivals, as well as having been the

recipient of both the *Creation Grant* and the *Arts Infrastructure Grant for New and Emerging Artists* through the New Brunswick Arts Board in 2016. As the recipient of the 2017 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development, Jennifer will begin a series that explores prevalent themes in her practice within the context of a new more permanent medium.

About the Kingston Arts Council

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) is the region's primary resource for arts information and support. Through communications, programming, and advocacy, the KAC promotes the creation, development, and appreciation of the arts in Kingston and supports artistic growth and engagement for arts organizations and artists at all levels of their careers. The KAC also administers key funding programs, the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) and the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development. www.artskingston.ca

About the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area

The Community Foundation for Kingston & Area is community inspired. We strengthen our community by connecting the generosity of donors with the energy and ideas of people and charities addressing community needs. Together, we've been making meaningful and lasting impacts in our community since 1995.

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