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**Kingston Arts Council and Community Foundation for
Kingston & Area Announce Recipient of
2018 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA) are pleased to announce that Ella Gonzales is the recipient of the 2018 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 2018 Jury included artists Chris Miner and Peggy Fussell, in addition to last year's grant recipient Jennifer Demitor.

About Ella Gonzales



Ella Gonzales is a Filipino-Canadian artist currently residing in Kingston. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a minor in Art History and Criticism from Western University. Having spent most of her life moving between cities, countries and continents, Ella is interested in disassembling her personal and familial narratives and reassembling them as multi-dimensional spaces. The Nan Yeomans Grant will support Ella to expand her artistic practice

across mediums, including painting, video and installation. Upcoming projects will explore themes of inhabited space(s), migration, temporalities and cultural identity.

In addition to her studio practice, Ella is the Director of Communications on Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre's Board of Directors, a studio artist with Dead On Collective, and a co-founding member of Small Potatoes—an arts book micro-press based in Kingston. Ella is currently the Curatorial Assistant, Contemporary Art, at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre and has over five years' experience working across arts organizations, including: McIntosh Gallery, Western University; Station Gallery, Whitby; H'art Centre, Kingston. Her work has recently been exhibited in kin, Hamilton Audio Visual Node; Overdue Overdue Overdue Overdue Overdue Overdue, 12CAT Arts Collective; YOU & US, Dead On Collective; and, presented at the Storefront Fringe Festival, Skeleton Park Arts Festival, and Kingston's Women's Art Festival.

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 strengthens our community by connecting the generosity of donors with the energy and ideas of people and charities addressing local community needs. It works with individuals and organizations to establish and grow endowment funds. Funds are invested, and income earned is used to provide charitable grants. Since 1995, the Foundation has granted more than \$11.5 million to a wide variety of charities. It runs a Community Grants program to which all local charities are invited to apply. Over 346 local charities have been supported through this program to date. Two granting rounds are held each year, with applications due September 15 and February 15. For more information visit www.cfka.org.

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