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**Kingston Arts Council and Community Foundation for
Kingston & Area Announce Recipient of
2020 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA) are pleased to announce that Tonya Corkey is the recipient of the 2020 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 2020 Jury included artists Josh Lyon, Michelle Reid and GHY Cheung.

About Tonya Corkey



Tonya Corkey is a Kingston-based artist. She graduated from OCAD University's drawing and painting program in 2012. Corkey has always been interested in untraditional paint mediums; in challenging and bridging gaps between disciplines. Solo exhibitions of Corkey's work includes "Your Friend, Freddie" at XPACE Cultural Centre (2012) and "See you in the future" at Galleria 814 (2013). Her work has been featured in publications such as Hi-Fructose (2014) and Flare: Canada's Fashion Magazine (2014). In 2017 she was a regional semi-finalist in the Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series. Corkey's work was highlighted in *A Big important Art Book Now Featuring Women* by Danielle Krysa aka the Jealous Curator (2018). Recently, Corkey's project "Be as nice as you are forever" was exhibited in Kingston, Ontario as a part of Art After Dark (2020).

Tonya will use the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development to attend a table loom class and a residency at the Icelandic Textile Centre, where she will research and create a new series of sculptural works.

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 is proud to be a '360-degree funder' providing grants in all areas that enhance our community's well-being. This year the Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary. For more information visit, www.cfka.org.

About the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development

Nan Yeomans was a prominent Kingston artist dedicated to supporting local and emerging artists in the visual arts. In her late twenties, she enjoyed three summers at Queen's University Summer School of Fine Arts, and subsequently, she lived most of her adult life in Kingston. From then and for the rest of her 82 years she stayed busy with her art and her other responsibilities, but always found time to contribute to the community. She died in 2004, leaving all of her art and almost all of her estate to the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area.

It was Nan's wish to fund a grant for promising young artists and artisans developing their talents in the greater Kingston area. The Nan Yeomans Fund, established at the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area with her bequest, now provides for an annual award in her name that is administered by the Kingston Arts Council.