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**Kingston Arts Council and Community Foundation for
Kingston & Area Announce Recipient of
2021 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA) are pleased to announce that Natasha Jabre is the recipient of the 2021 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 2021 jury included artists Sasha French, Diane Black and Tonya Corkey.

About Natasha Jabre



Natasha Jabre is a Kingston-based teacher and artist whose most recent painting series fills scenes of children and toys with colourful light. Jabre received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Concordia University in 2009 in painting and drawing and her Master of Fine Arts from The University of Massachusetts in North Dartmouth in 2017 in painting. A recent graduate of Queen's University, in 2021 she also received her Bachelor of Education. Since moving to Kingston in 2018, Jabre has been an active part of the local art community. She is part of the Organization of Kingston Women Artists (OKWA), of which she is a board member and also a member of the Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre. Her work, which includes drawings, paintings, and sculptures, has been exhibited locally and internationally.

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 including the City of Kingston Arts Fund (CKAF) and the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development. For more information, visit www.artskingston.ca.

About the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area

The Community Foundation for Kingston & Area strengthens its 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 the well-being of Kingston and its surrounding areas. For more information, visit www.cfka.org.

About the Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development

Nan Yeomans was a prominent Kingston artist who was dedicated to supporting local and emerging visual artists. In her late twenties, she enjoyed three summers at Queen's University Summer School of Fine Arts, and subsequently lived most of her adult life in Kingston. Throughout her 82 years, in addition to staying busy with her art and other responsibilities, Yeomans always found time to contribute to the community. She passed away 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 visual art talents in the greater Kingston area. The Nan Yeomans Fund, established through the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area with her bequest, now provides an annual award in her name, administered by the Kingston Arts Council.

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