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## **The Kingston Arts Council and Community Foundation for Kingston & Area Announce Recipient of 2023 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA) are pleased to announce that Kelsey Dawn Pearson is the recipient of the 2023 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 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 2023 jury included local artists Jung-Ah Kim, Jobelle Quijano, and Pengyuan Wang.



### **About Kelsey Dawn Pearson**

Kelsey Dawn Pearson is an artist residing in Katarokwi/Kingston. They recently graduated from Concordia University with an MFA in Print Media and hold a BFA from NSCAD. Pearson is a multidisciplinary artist using print, natural fibres and puppetry/performance as their main media. Pearson's work explores themes of gender and body dysmorphia in relation to bodily connection to land.

Their work is supernatural, chaotic and colourful swampwater.

They explore themes of distorted reality, confront personal ethics, battle dysphoria, bridge fiction and the present through the use of portals, touch, feel and play in a world bordering ours.



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## 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](http://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](http://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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