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## **The Kingston Arts Council and Community Foundation for Kingston & Area Announce Recipient of 2024 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development**

The Kingston Arts Council (KAC) and the Community Foundation for Kingston & Area (CFKA) are pleased to announce that Alanna Hakim is the recipient of the 2024 Nan Yeomans Grant for Artistic Development.

The Nan Yeomans Grant is valued at \$4,000 and made possible through an endowment fund held by the CFKA. The grant assists promising young artists and artisans in furthering their education and professional artistic growth. Nan Yeomans (1923-2004) 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 2024 jury included previous year's recipient, Kelsey Dawn Pearson, and local artists Abby Nowakowski and Sergio Jaua.



### **About Alanna Hakim**

Alanna Hakim is a multidisciplinary artist based in Kingston, ON. Drawing inspiration from the vibrant colours and shapes of nature and literature, she crafts unique pieces by combining textiles and stained glass. Dedicated to her artistic mission, Alanna seeks to encourage others to journey beyond their comfort zones when creating art. This approach has fostered a vibrant community of learners eager to experiment and create alongside her. Alanna is an active participant in artisan events throughout Kingston, including the Kingston Holiday Market, Women's Art Fest, and the Skeleton Arts Festival. There, she shares her passion for glass and textiles and showcases her one-of-a-kind creations. In addition to her artistic practice, Alanna teaches classes at the Kingston School of Art and the Kingston Senior Centre



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Association, with her glass workshops quickly becoming favourites among participants. Through her art and teaching, Alanna continues to inspire others to explore their creativity and appreciate the beauty that surrounds them.

## **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 provide 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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