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**Announcing
The 2017 Recipients of the Nancy Graves Grants for Visual Artists:
Alex Chitty and Mildred Howard**

NEW YORK, NY (December 14, 2017) – The Nancy Graves Foundation announces the selection of two artists to receive its annual Nancy Graves Grant for Visual Artists. Established by the artist, the Nancy Graves Grant for Visual Artists supports artists wishing to work in a technique, medium or discipline that is different from the one for which they are primarily recognized.

Alex Chitty, based in Chicago, IL, is known for her sculptures assembled from fabricated materials and found objects. She seeks to explore printmaking.

Mildred Howard, based in Emeryville, CA, is known for her prints and collages that incorporate a wide range of materials and techniques. She seeks to explore filmmaking.

Nominators from different parts of the country proposed several artists, who were invited to apply. A panel of independent jurors reviewed the applications and selected the grantees.

Nancy Graves (1939-1995) is an American artist of international renown. Graves developed a sustained body of sculptures, paintings, drawings, watercolors, and prints. She also produced five avant-garde films and created innovative set designs. Her work has been featured in hundreds of museum and gallery exhibitions worldwide and is in the permanent collections of major art museums.

The Nancy Graves Foundation, established by the artist, is dedicated to deepening knowledge of the visual arts by exploring the work and life of Nancy Graves within the context of her era. In addition to providing grants to individual visual artists, the Foundation supports exhibitions, research, publications, educational programming and the preparation of a Catalogue Raisonné. The Foundation maintains a collection of Nancy Graves' work. A library and archive of original papers, photographs, recordings, publications and research materials is available to scholars by appointment in the Foundation's research library.



Photo: Ashleigh Dye

Artist Alex Chitty was awarded a 2017 Nancy Graves Grant for Visual Artists



Photo: Don Farnsworth

Artist Mildred Howard was awarded a 2017 Nancy Graves Grant for Visual Artists