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Anonymous Was A Woman Awards
Ten Women Artists \$25,000 Grants

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Anonymous Was A Woman announced today the ten artists selected to receive the Foundation's thirteenth annual awards. The "no strings" grant of \$25,000 enables women, over 40 years of age and at a critical juncture in their lives or careers, to continue to grow and pursue their work.

"The awards that you make to ten women artists each year ensure that the perspective of the mature woman is recognized, supported and allowed to flourish in American art and that is so important. But the significance of this grant to me personally feels even more immediate, life-changing and real," said KayLynn Deveney, one of the 2008 Winners.

Lauren Katzowitz Shenfield, administrator of the program, explained, "Anonymous Was A Woman Awards are synonymous with important recognition in artists' personal and artistic development. The financial gift helps artists buy time, space, materials, and equipment and, sometimes, recover from traumatic life events. In itself, the Award helps the artists feel recognized and honored by other distinguished women who seek no credit for the role they play."

The name of the grant program, Anonymous Was A Woman, refers to a line in Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own*. As the name implies, the nominators and those associated with the program are un-named.

To date, 131 women have received the award. Each year, an outstanding group of distinguished women – art historians, curators, writers and previous winners – serve as nominators.

Anonymous Was A Woman, a program of FJC-A Foundation of Philanthropic Funds, is administered by Philanthropy Advisors, a comprehensive consulting and management organization for private philanthropy.

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Anonymous Was A Woman

2008 Award Recipients

KayLynn Deveney
Photography – Albuquerque, NM

Lesley Dill
Sculpture and Performance Art – Brooklyn, NY

Gail Dolgin
Documentary Film – Berkeley, CA

Rochelle Feinstein
Painting – New York, NY

Beryl Korot
Video and Installation Art – Pound Ridge, NY

Catherine Lord
Visual Art and Writing – Los Angeles, CA

Lorraine O'Grady
Performance and Installation Art – New York, NY

Christy Rupp
Sculpture and Eco-Art – New York, NY

Nancy Shaver
Sculpture – Jefferson, NY

Frances Stark
Visual Art – Los Angeles, CA

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