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

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Anonymous Was A Woman announced today the ten artists selected to receive the Foundation's fourteenth annual awards. The "no strings" grant of \$25,000 enables women, over 45 years of age and at a critical juncture in their lives or careers, to continue to grow and pursue their work.

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 Wolf's *A Room of One's Own*. As the name implies, the nominators and those associated with the program are unnamed.

To date, 141 women have received the award. Each year, an outstanding group of distinguished women – art historians, curators, writers and previous winners – serve as nominators.

"I know that one of my functions is to be a role model for woman students, but also to be a testament to aging with grace and a "wise" face. Making art provides a fascinating life, and a studio practice invested in painting should not be taken for granted or wasted. I am still fighting the good battle in my studio. A grant like this is crucial, as it seems important for one's validation professionally." - **Phyllis Bramson, 2009 Recipient**

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2009 Award Recipients

Ida Applebroog
Artist – New York, NY

Phyllis Bramson
Painter–Chicago, IL

Patricia Cronin
Painter and Sculptor – Brooklyn, NY

Taylor Davis
Artist – Dorchester, MA

Elana Herzog
Installation Artist and Sculptor – New York, NY

Andrea Modica
Photographer– Philadelphia, PA

Carrie Moyer
Painter – Brooklyn, NY

Kelly Reichardt
Filmmaker – Queens, NY

Kay Rosen
Painter – Gary, IN

Penelope Umbrico
Visual Artist – Brooklyn, NY