

# NYWIFT || New York Women in Film & Television

## NEW YORK WOMEN IN FILM & TELEVISION RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

**The grant will support NYWIFT's second annual advocacy Summit**

**NEW YORK, NY – February 4, 2020 – New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT)** has been awarded a \$20,000 Art Works grant to support the exhibition and screening activities of the NYWIFT Women's Summit 2020. In the spring of 2020, NYWIFT, in partnership with the International Documentary Association (IDA) will host the second NYWIFT Women's Summit bringing together documentary filmmakers, producers, production designers, photographers, arts funders, government officials, and community leaders for a full-day program of film screenings, post-film panels and discussions, and presentations marking the centennial of women's voting rights and celebrating women artists as powerful civic figures. With a particular focus on documentary filmmaking, the 2020 NYWIFT Summit will celebrate the films and accomplishments of women artists, and the central role they play at both this historical milestone and in the future. A briefing summary consolidating the challenges identified, best practices presented, and solutions developed will be published after the Summit and distributed to universities and other organizations.

The National Endowment for the Arts has selected 1,187 grants totaling \$27.3 million in the first round of fiscal year 2020 funding to support arts projects in every state in the nation, as well as the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The Art Works funding category supports projects that focus on public engagement with, and access to, various forms of excellent art across the nation; the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence; learning in the arts at all stages of life; and the integration of the arts into the fabric of community life.

"The arts are at the heart of our communities, connecting people through shared experiences and artistic expression," said Arts Endowment chairman Mary Anne Carter. "The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support projects like the New York Women in Film & Television Summit."

"We are grateful and honored that the National Endowment for the Arts has decided for the first time-ever to support New York Women in Film & Television through the Art Works grant," said NYWIFT Executive Director Cynthia Lopez. "This support comes at an especially significant time for women as we celebrate the centennial of women's voting rights in 2020. NYWIFT will continue to champion women's voices as leaders and storytellers."

“Film, television and digital media have a profound impact on our national culture, and if we want true equality, we need women in leadership positions throughout the industry. We thank the National Endowment for the Arts for its support of NYWIFT’s mission to provide training to foster the next generation of entertainment industry professionals,” said NYWIFT Board President Jamie Zelsermyer.

For more information on projects included in the Arts Endowment grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).

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### **About New York Women in Film & Television**

New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) advocates for equality in the moving image industry and supports women in every stage of their careers. As the preeminent entertainment industry association for women in New York, NYWIFT energizes women by illuminating their achievements, presenting training and professional development programs, awarding scholarships and grants, and providing access to a supportive community of peers. NYWIFT brings together 2,500 women and men working both above and below the line. NYWIFT is part of a network of 50 women in film chapters worldwide, representing more than 15,000 members. For further information about New York Women in Film & Television, please visit [nywift.org](https://nywift.org) and follow them on social media for additional event updates, news and photos. Follow on all social media platforms @NYWIFT.

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