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## **PICA to Receive \$40,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts**

Portland, OR—Portland Institute for Contemporary Art (PICA) has been approved for a \$40,000 Art Works grant to support the 2020 Time-Based Art Festival (TBA). This will be PICA's 18th annual TBA which gathers artists and audiences from around the world for ten days of contemporary performance, music, visual art, film, workshops, lectures, food, drink, conversation, and celebration. Overall, the National Endowment for the Arts has approved 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.

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"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 PICA's Time-Based Art Festival."

Through presenting, exhibition and education programs, PICA links audiences to work that reflects cultural developments from the region and across the globe, presenting work that might not otherwise be seen in Portland and providing direct access to artists representing a broad range of identities and perspectives. The upcoming Time-Based Art Festival will be September 10–20, 2020 and will coincide with a full year of programming celebrating PICA's 25th Anniversary.

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

For more information on PICA, including upcoming events, please visit our website [pica.org](https://pica.org).

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