



the new children's museum™

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THE NEW CHILDREN'S MUSEUM TO RECEIVE \$25,000 NEA GRANT
Grant to fund new Installation by International artist Toshiko MacAdam

SAN DIEGO – February 13, 2019 - National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Acting Chairman Mary Anne Carter has approved more than \$27 million in grants as part of the Arts Endowment's first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2019. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of \$25,000 to The New Children's Museum for a newly commissioned work by internationally recognized fiber artist Toshiko MacAdam. The Museum was one of only 52 museums nationwide to receive a grant (and one of only 6 in California).

"The arts enhance our communities and our lives, and we look forward to seeing these projects take place throughout the country, giving Americans opportunities to learn, to create, to heal, and to celebrate," said Mary Anne Carter, acting NEA chairman.

The grant will fund a new one-of-a-kind playscape structure by MacAdam, made almost entirely by hand. The artist will be onsite installing the newly commissioned work on the Museum's upper level beginning in late Spring with the opening tentatively slated for early June.

"From the first time my son played in MacAdam's "Woods of Net" Pavilion at the Hakone Open Air Museum in Japan, I dreamed of collaborating with her," said Tomoko Kuta, Deputy Museum Director. "We are thrilled to be working with Toshiko, someone who creates beautiful, immersive sculptures and who understands the needs of children."

Additional information about the NEA can be found in the [NEA announcement](#).

About The New Children's Museum

The New Children's Museum is a new model of children's museum whose mission is to stimulate imagination, creativity and critical thinking in children and families through inventive and engaging experiences with contemporary art. Located downtown, the Museum collaborates with contemporary artists to design and create art installations and educational programs for children. The Museum brings families together in a rich educational environment that fosters creativity — blending the best elements of children's museums, contemporary art museums and community resources. In 2018, the Museum celebrated its 35th year in San Diego and its 10th year as The New Children's Museum downtown. To learn more, visit thinkplaycreate.org or follow them on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).