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Kresge Foundation awards \$25,000 fellowships to local visual artists

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The **Kresge Foundation** today awarded \$450,000 in inaugural fellowships to local visual artists.

The fellows, who were chosen from among 350 applicants in a competitive process, also will receive customized professional development opportunities provided by **ArtServe Michigan**.

Kresge said it will begin accepting applications for the 2010 Kresge Artist Fellowships in the Performing and Literary Arts in November.

The foundation also plans in December to award the second annual Kresge Eminent Artist Award with a \$50,000 prize to recognize an outstanding visual performing arts or literary artist.

The fellowships and award are part of Kresge's broader effort to provide support to the local arts and cultural community, along with operating grants to those organizations.

The Kresge Arts in Detroit program, in turn, is part of the foundation's Detroit Program aimed at bolstering the long-term economic, social and cultural fabric of the city by strengthening its neighborhoods, downtown area, arts and culture sector and by advancing regional economic development and enhancing the city's natural environment.

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