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### **Initiative for Public Art - Reston Receives \$20,000 National Endowment for the Arts Grant to Support Patrick Dougherty Public Art Project**

RESTON, VA—The Initiative for Public Art – Reston (IPAR) is one of 919 nonprofit organizations nationwide to receive a National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) Art Works grant. IPAR is recommended for a \$20,000 grant to support the creation of a temporary, site-specific, large-scale public artwork in Reston by internationally acclaimed artist Patrick Dougherty.

NEA Chairman Jane Chu, who announced the grant, said: "I'm pleased to be able to share the news of our support through Art Works, including the award to Initiative for Public Art – Reston. The arts foster value, connection, creativity and innovation for the American people, and these recommended grants demonstrate those attributes and affirm that the arts are part of our everyday lives."

IPAR, in collaboration with the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), will commission Dougherty to create a public artwork in Reston Town Square Park in Reston Town Center over a three-week period in April 2015. The creation of this esthetic landmark, composed of local saplings, will involve local artists, youth, and other community members, who will participate in the construction of the artwork, installed directly across from the GRACE gallery where IPAR and GRACE share office space.

The Dougherty installation will remain on site for one to two years. In tandem with the installation, an exhibition in the GRACE gallery, on view from April to July 2015, will document the installation and explore Dougherty's work throughout the world through photographs, sketches, models, and video. It will serve as a complement to the sculptural installation in the park and allow visitors to gain a better understanding of the artist's methodology and body of work. In addition, IPAR and GRACE will present a series of related public programs.

IPAR Executive Director Anne Delaney said: "We are thrilled by this significant support for the Dougherty project and its related programming. The NEA Art Works grant will enable the Initiative for Public Art – Reston to realize this major temporary art installation. IPAR is delighted to collaborate with GRACE and other Reston organizations in a public art project that will engage the community at-large. The project reflects the spirit of the Public Art Master Plan for Reston, which encourages working with other community organizations to commission public art projects that energize public places and engage the community."

This is the first time that IPAR is the recipient of a NEA Art Works grant, and it is doubly thrilled that it was received on its first submission attempt. Art Works grants support the creation of art, public engagement with art, lifelong learning in the arts, and enhancement of the livability of communities through the arts. The NEA received 1,474 eligible applications under the Art Works category, requesting more than \$75 million in funding. Of those applications, 919 are recommended for grants for a total of \$26.6 million.

For a complete listing of projects recommended for Art Works grant support, visit the NEA website at [arts.gov](http://arts.gov). Also follow the conversation about this and other NEA-funded projects on Twitter at #NEAFall2014.

IPAR-- founded in 2007 by Reston civic and community organizations and leaders--is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that seeks to inspire an ongoing commitment for public art and create a new generation of artworks in Reston. It imagines public art throughout Reston that inspires the community and engages the mind and senses. For more information about IPAR, visit, [www.publicartreston.org](http://www.publicartreston.org)