

# ARTFORUM

## NEA Awards \$26 Million in Arts Works Grants

The NEA, in celebration of its fifty-year anniversary, is awarding \$27.7 million to support 1,126 projects in forty-nine states. Within that amount, the Art Works program will give over twenty-six million dollars in awards.

Among the awardees of the recent Arts Works grant cycle, the MCA Chicago will get fifty thousand dollars to support a survey exhibition of the artist Kerry James Marshall; and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, will receive seventy thousand dollars to underwrite "Megacities Asia," which will feature artists like Choi Jeong Hwa, Subodh Gupta, and Ai Weiwei.

MASS MoCA, meanwhile, will receive fifty-five thousand dollars to commission new work by artists Richard Nonas and Nick Cave, while the Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit will receive forty thousand dollars for a multidisciplinary project by the artist Sanford Biggers.

Museums aren't the only arts groups being awarded grants. LAXART is being given twenty-five thousand dollars for a residency program accompanied by commissions, and *BOMB* magazine will get thirty thousand dollars for new publications.

"We know from experience as well as through hard evidence that the arts matter and these projects will provide more opportunities for people to learn, create, and experience the value of the arts in so many different ways," said NEA chair Jane Chu.

