

2006 Award Recipient for Achievement in the Arts: Beate Minkovski



This fall, The Chicago Women's Caucus for Art had the privilege of honoring Beate Minkovski, founder and Director of Woman Made Gallery, for her achievements in support of women in the arts.

Ms. Minkovski had this to say: "I want to tell you how grateful and truly honored I am to have been selected the 2006 Award Recipient for Achievement in the Arts...I love my work and I love the forces it brings together. It energizes me and moves me forward. To be honored for this is a surprise. Thank you and thanks to the entire CWCA for giving me this beautiful recognition."

The Women's Caucus for Art, founded in 1972 in connection with the College Art Association (CAA), is a national member organization unique in its multi-disciplinary, multicultural membership of artists, art historians, students /educators and museum professionals. This organization is committed to educating the public about the contributions of women to the visual arts.

WCA set a precedent for honoring women in 1979 in the oval office of President Carter with the honoring ceremonies for Isabel Bishop, Selma Burk, Alice Neel, Louise Nelvelson and Georgia O'Keeffe. Since then, WCA has been sponsoring the annual Lifetime Achievement Awards for women in the arts. Events are held in conjunction with the WCA national conference.

As a tribute to women working on a local level, the Chicago chapter recognizes Chicago women for their achievements and support of women artists. Among the Chicago women honored in the past by WCA and the Chicago chapter of WCA are: Margaret Burroughs, Ellen Lanyon, Ronne Hartfield, Mary Dougherty, Joyce Neimanas, Francis Calloway Parks, Hollis Sigler, and Arlene Rakoncay. With the acceptance of this award, CWCA adds Beate Minkovski to a list of noteworthy and influential women.

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Above, Beate Minkovski's litho-print, "Goddess"