

THE RENEE & CHAIM GROSS FOUNDATION



PRESS RELEASE

Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation Awarded an Archival Needs Assessment by the Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of New York (DHPSNY)

Feb. 8, 2022, New York City—The Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation is pleased to announce the award of an Archival Needs Assessment from the Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of New York.

Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services of New York (DHPSNY), a joint program of the **New York State Archives** and the **New York State Library**, just announced the first round of sites in 2022 to be awarded Planning & Assessment Services. This group of 12 includes the Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation. DHPSNY Planning & Assessment Services are designed to support organizations in improving and advancing collections-related program efforts and are offered comprehensively to eligible historical collecting institutions throughout New York.

These services are an important tool in future fundraising and have led to the following outcomes: improved adherence to the standards and best practices for preservation and accessibility; increased dissemination of New York's historical records and library research materials through accessible channels; and increased use of the records and research materials at New York collecting institutions by policymakers, educators, students, researchers, and the general public.

"The award of an Archival Needs Assessment from DHPSNY will allow the Foundation to better serve our public," **said Mimi Gross, President of the Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation**. "Through their close examination of our current systems and programs we will be better able to plan for the future restoration, housing, and accessibility of our archives by outside researchers. Together with the sculpture studio, library, and preserved living spaces, the archive will complete the historical narrative of American art from a particularly curious and educated individual artist's perspective."

From a competitive pool of applicants, the program's independent advisory committee and field reviewers selected 12 organizations to receive virtual Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, and Foundational Planning Assistance.

DHPSNY's press release can be found here:

https://dhpsny.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/DHPSNY%20Press%20Release%20Feb%202022_0.pdf

About Chaim Gross

Chaim Gross (1902-91) was an American sculptor whose prolific career spanned seven decades. He is known primarily for his direct carvings in wood as well as his bronzes, often of families or acrobats. His work is in public and private collections throughout the United States, with a significant portion at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C. A philanthropist as well as a collector, Gross donated hundreds of objects to museums around the world. He collected broadly, with a focus on the work of his American contemporaries and African arts.

About the Foundation

The Renee & Chaim Gross Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization incorporated in New York State in 1989. The Foundation's mission is to further the legacy of Chaim Gross through high-quality research, exhibitions, and educational activities around the historic building and art collections for audiences in New York City and beyond. For more information, please visit the Foundation's website at www.rcgrossfoundation.org.



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