



THE RESPECTED VOICE FOR THE ARTS IN EDMONTON AND AREA

The 30th Annual Mayor's Celebration of the Arts

Award Nominees

(April 12, 2017 - Edmonton) - Mayor Don Iveson and the [Professional Arts Coalition of Edmonton](#) (PACE) are pleased to announce the award nominees for the 30th Annual Mayor's Celebration of the Arts.

Mayor's Award for Innovative Support by a Business for the Arts

Recognizing a local business that has invested in an arts organization, event, project or individual artist in the greater Edmonton area in a creative and original manner.

[Bedouin Beats](#)

Nominated by Terry Ferguson

[PlanIt Sound Inc](#)

Nominated by Julia Nicholson

[Steel Craft Door Products Ltd.](#)

Nominated by Darka Tarnawsky, Shumka Dance

Mayor's Award for Sustained Support for the Arts

Recognizing a business or an individual who has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to investing in Edmonton's arts and culture industry through an organization, event, individual artist, or widespread investment in the arts.

[Landmark Homes](#)

Nominated by Debbie Theuss, Citadel Theatre

[The Paint Spot](#)

Nominated by Lon Wenger

[Sarmad Shawqi, Ceramic Art Teacher, Iraqi Canadian Association](#)

Nominated by Dhiaa Raheem, Iraqi Canadian Association

John Poole Award for Promotion of the Arts

Recognizing an individual, arts organization, media organization, or business that promotes the arts in a distinctly creative or exceptional manner.

[Sventlana Kanyo, Visual Artist & Managing Director, Masters Arts Academy](#)

Nominated by Magdalena Cammidge

[Jenna Marynowski, Owner & Writer, After the House Lights](#)

Nominated by Karen Unland, Seen and Heard in Edmonton

[Brent Oliver, Director, BOP Management & Consulting; Artistic Director, UP+DT Festival](#)

Nominated by Jeff Stuart

[Zach Polis, Content Advisor & Editor, Monetizing Your Creativity Podcast](#)

Nominated by Mindy Heins



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ATB Financial Ambassador of the Arts Award

Recognizing a mid-career individual or organization successful on a national or international level that enlightens audiences and promotes Edmonton's rich cultural, performance or visual arts scene in an extraordinary way.

[Arooka, Edmonton Multicultural Artist Group](#)

Nominated by Vicey Dai

[Mariam Qureshi, Curator, Organizer & Artist Leader, Lotus Gallery](#)

Nominated by Francis Marte

ATCO Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognizing an individual who, over a minimum of 25 years, has made an incredible contribution to the arts in Edmonton. The extraordinary talent and determination this person has given to Edmonton and the arts contributes to the rich fabric of life in our city.

The extraordinary talent and determination this person has given to the Edmonton arts community is unparalleled. After careful deliberation, the awards jury for the ATCO Gas Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement is honouring one Edmontonian who has dedicated their life's work to enriching the cultural fabric of our city.

Emerging Artist Award

Ushering in Edmonton's valued, upcoming professionals - artists who, in the early stages of their careers, demonstrate exceptional talent and accomplishments, as well as a unique artistic expression and commitment to the arts in the Edmonton region.

[Nasra Adem, Youth Poet Laureate of Edmonton, Sister 2 Sister & Black Arts Matter](#)

Nominated by Sarah Culkin

[Kasie Campbell, Visual Artist](#)

Nominated by Michelle Schultz, DC3 Art Projects

[Stephanie Lilley, Artistic Director, Viva Dance](#)

Nominated by Kelsey Wright

[Marlaena Moore, Singer Songwriter](#)

Nominated by Denise LaBossiere

[Kate Stashko, Dancer & Choreographer](#)

Nominated by Kelsie Acton

[Jeannie Vandekerkhove, Dancer & Choreographer](#)

Nominated by Tony Olivares

Qualico Artistic Leadership Award

Recognizing an individual or organization that has blazed trails and made great impact on their community by acknowledging outstanding achievement as an artistic leader, and celebrating those who have led others toward excellence in a specific arts discipline.

[Dr. Allison Balcetis, Musician, Instructor of Saxophone, University of Alberta](#)

Nominated by Andre Mestre, Boston University

[Jake Haste, Artistic Director & Chief Executive Officer, Toy Guns Dance Theatre](#)

Nominated by Kelsie Acton

[Svetlana Kanyo, Visual Artist & Managing Director, Masters Arts Academy](#)

Nominated by Magdalena Cammidge

[Julie Kiraly, Director & Chief Executive Officer, Hit That Jive Productions Ltd.](#)

Nominated by Jake Haste, Toy Guns Dance Theatre

[Paul Schieman, Founder & Artistic Director, Alberta Baroque Ensemble](#)

Nominated by Elizabeth Taylor, Alberta Baroque Music Society



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Robert Kroetsch City of Edmonton Book Prize

Recognizing an Edmonton author, or an author whose work considers some aspect of the city of Edmonton: history, geography, current affairs, its arts or its people.

[Lauralyn Chow, Paper Teeth](#)

[Katherine Koller, Art Lessons](#)

[Trent Portigal, A Floating Phrase](#)

Syncrude Award for Excellence in Arts Management

Recognizing individuals or organizations who have demonstrated innovation, leadership and vision in the management of a professional arts organization.

[Rayanne Doucet, Executive Director, Edmonton Poetry Festival](#)

Nominated by Alice Major, Edmonton Poetry Festival

[Carol Holmes, Executive Director, Writers' Guild of Alberta](#)

Nominated by Barb Howard, Writers' Guild of Alberta

[Kim Mattice Wanat, Artistic & Managing Director, Opera Nuova](#)

Nominated by John Pater

[Ken Regan, Chief Executive Officer \(Retired\), CKUA Radio](#)

Nominated by Terry Wickham, Edmonton Folk Music Festival

[Murray Utas, Artistic Director, Fringe Theatre](#)

Nominated by Sheiny Satanove

TELUS Courage to Innovate Award

TELUS is our longest standing sponsor, supporting the Mayor's Celebration for the Arts for 30 years. Recognizing an individual or organization that has displayed the courage to take artistic risks and embrace innovation in artistic expression.

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Nominated by Jake Haste, Toy Guns Dance Theatre

[The Executive of Toy Guns Dance Theatre](#)

Nominated by The Board of Toy Guns Dance Theatre

[Fresh Canvas Art Company](#)

Nominated by John Stobbe, Century 21 Realty

[Jen Mesch, Artistic Director, Jen Mesch Dance Conspiracy](#)

Nominated by Ainsley Hillyard, Good Women Dance Collective

[Obsessions Octet](#)

Nominated by Marion Boyd

[Rellik](#)

Nominated by Jennifer Perry, IDVIP Team

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The Mayor's Celebration of the Arts showcases Edmonton's vibrant arts and culture industry by bringing together artists, the business community, media, arts advocates, and arts appreciators to honour the valuable contributions Edmonton artists and arts champions make to our city. This year, we're taking the event back into City Hall for an elegant evening of pop-up performances, awards, refreshments, and surprises. It will be a red carpet affair to remember!

The 30th Annual Mayor's Celebration of the Arts

Monday, May 1, 2017 at City Hall

[Tickets now on sale!](#)

Mayor's Celebration Artists

[The Dungarees](#)

[Nasra Adem](#)

[The Gadjjo Collective](#)

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[Miranda Allen](#)

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