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City announces the inaugural Mayor's Arts Awards

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The Mayor's Arts Awards is a new, annual recognition program that celebrates artistic achievement as well as extraordinary support for and contributions to the arts. By increasing the profile for the arts in Kingston, the Mayor's Arts Awards program will affirm the value of the arts as a source of creativity, innovation and pride and nurture the sustained development of the cultural sector to benefit all Kingston residents.

The City of Kingston, through the cultural services department, will administer the Mayor's Arts Awards program and will work in collaboration with the Kingston Arts Council (KAC) who will lead the documentation, promotion and celebration of the award recipients.

"I'm thrilled with the inaugural launch of the Mayor's Arts Awards," says Mayor Bryan Paterson. "This is a special program meant to recognize those in the community who have advanced the arts in our city. I look forward to honouring the individuals selected by the committee who champion the arts in Kingston and contribute to the vitality of our community!"

Nominations Process

Nominations of award recipients will be made through the City of Kingston's arts advisory committee that will establish a Nominations Working Group (NWG) each year for this purpose. It will be the responsibility of the Nominations Working Group to identify award recipients according to the program criteria. The Nominations Working Group is itself comprised of five to seven members who represent a range of interests, experiences and perspectives and who are also respected and knowledgeable with regard to the arts in Kingston.

The Nominations Working Group for the first annual Mayor's Arts Awards was confirmed by city council at its July 11, 2017 meeting and includes councillor Jim Neill along with Barbara Bell, Bob Brooks and Jane Karges from the arts advisory committee as well as community members Jan Allen, Georgina Riel and Pierre-Luc Landry.

Award Categories

Creator Award (3): cash prize (\$2,500), medallion and certificate of recognition The Creator Award recognizes living artists, artistic collectives, or arts organizations. Three Creator Awards will be given each year to honour artistic merit and/or innovation that advances the arts in the city, contributes to the development of the art form and expresses the cultural vitality of Kingston.

Arts Champion Award (1): medallion and certificate of recognition The Arts Champion Award recognizes a living individual, organization or corporation making an extraordinary, leading contribution to the arts in Kingston as a volunteer, advocate, supporter, sponsor and/or philanthropist.

Limestone Arts Legacy Award (1): medallion and certificate of recognition The Limestone Arts Legacy Award recognizes individuals of the past whose sustained and substantial contributions have built the artistic vitality of the city, nurturing and enabling forms of creation, participation, presentation and enjoyment, whose leadership has inspired others, and whose influence has been felt in the region and beyond.

The terms of reference for the Mayor's Arts Awards can be found online here: www.CityofKingston.ca/city-hall/kingston-awards/mayors-arts-awards and the 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards are scheduled to be awarded in the fall of 2017 at City Hall.

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