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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: A. DYKE, CULTURE OFFICER - DEVELOPMENT

NOTED: S. SCHLICHTER, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC AND CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
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RE: 2023 BARRIE ARTS AWARDS

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2023

The purpose of the Memorandum is to provide members of Council with an update about the 2023 Barrie Arts Award program.

The Economic and Creative Development Department and members of the Barrie arts sector will celebrate the many successes of the past year and present six individuals with hand-carved award statuettes designed by local artist Nic Rodrigo at the 2023 Barrie Arts Awards ceremony on the following:

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: MacLaren Art Centre, 37 Mulcaster Street

The Barrie Arts Awards plays an important role in our arts community. It fosters the growth of the arts and culture sector by raising its profile and providing it with well-deserved recognition. It celebrates contributions made by our local talent, encourages artists to reach their full potential, and ultimately furthers the economic strength and artistic vibrancy of our community.

AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Barrie Arts Awards opened on July 17th and remain open until Monday, September 4th at 11:59 P.M. Community members are encouraged to nominate individuals, groups, organizations, and businesses for the following award categories:

Most Promising Youth

Must be 19 years of age or younger and currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution. This youth will have demonstrated a superior ability in their art form. This award can be for any form of art, e.g., visual, performing, literary, etc.

Artist Beyond Barriers

Must be an artist, performer, or writer who has demonstrated creative originality through a body of work despite living with a continuous or recurrent mental or physical disability that results in a substantial restriction in their ability to work, care for themselves, or take part in community life. These individuals may be living or deceased.



Excellence in the Arts

Must be an established professional artist, performer, or author who has demonstrated through one or more bodies of work creative originality, professional maturity, and artistic leadership. These individuals may be living or deceased.

Emerging Artist

Must be an individual who has begun to develop a body of work in preparation/or pursuit of a professional career in the arts.

Contribution to the Community

Must be an individual, duo, or collective that has played a significant role in the development of an arts organization or program or contributed to the overall arts community in building capacity and enriching the lives of Barrie residents and the local environment. These individuals may be living or deceased.

Business Champion

This award will be given to an individual or business operating in the Barrie area that has consistently and significantly supported the arts through either financial and/or in-kind means. This award may be granted to a business that has made a concerted effort to build capacity in the arts.

For all Barrie Arts Awards categories, nominees must work, live, attend school, exhibit or perform within Barrie. A nominee may be nominated for only one award per year. Past winners may not be nominated for the same award they won in a previous year but may be nominated for a different category. Self-nominations are accepted if accompanied by a letter of endorsement by a member of the arts community. Nominees will be required to provide the following after September 4th to complete the nomination process:

- A biography and list of accomplishments, awards, or recognition relevant to the nomination
- A list of published works and/or performances and a sample of the nominee's work (for artist categories)
- A list of contributions to the arts sector (for Business Champion and Contribution to the Community categories)

Nominations are reviewed by a third-party panel of adjudicators from outside of the community consisting of cultural development workers from other municipalities who select winners in each category. Finalists will be invited to the Barrie Arts Awards gala on November 14th where they will be celebrated, and winners announced.

To make a nomination, visit Barrie.ca/ArtsAwards.

The Barrie Arts Awards are supported within the Economic and Creative Development Department operating budget and with sponsorship support. The gala venue is generously provided by the MacLaren Art Centre as the event's Official Venue Partner.

Opportunities for sponsorship are still available to recognize and celebrate the local arts sector. available sponsorship. For more information contact Amanda Dyke, Cultural Development Officer, at (705) 739-4220, ext. 4593, or Amanda.Dyke@barrie.ca.