

The 2nd Annual Peterborough Arts Awards

Organized by the Electric City Culture Council (EC3) and Presented at the Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts: May 24th, 2019

Important dates

- 5:00 pm on Tuesday April 9, 2019 Nominations Due
- Last week of April
 Announcement of Short-List
- Friday, May 24, 2019
 Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts
 - Awards Presentation

There are six Peterborough Arts Awards

- Outstanding Emerging Artist
- Outstanding Mid-Career Artist
- Outstanding Senior Artist
- Outstanding Achievement by an Indigenous Artist
- Arts Champion
- Arts Catalyst

Am I eligible to nominate someone for an award?

- I am a resident of the City or County of Peterborough and have been living in the community for at least two years.
- I am not nominating myself, a family member, an employee, or a student.
- I am not nominating two (or more) artists/art professionals in the same category, but I may submit more than one nomination if they are submitted for different categories.
- I am not a member of the Peterborough Arts Award Jury.

Am I an eligible nominee?

- I am a resident of the City or County of Peterborough and have been for at least 2 yrs.
- I am 18 years of age or older.
- I am a practicing professional artist.
- I am not nominating myself for the award.
- I am not a board member, committee member, or staff person of the Electric City Culture Council or the Peterborough Arts Awards Jury.
- Candidates must be living at the time of the nomination.

Eligible artists include professionals working in the areas of:

- Visual Arts (e.g. painting, print making, photography, sculpture, installation, mixed media, contemporary fine craft, etc.)
- Media Arts (e.g. film, video art, digital media, new media, sound/audio art, etc.)
- Theatre, circus, or performance art (actors, directors, performers, designers, etc.)
- Dance (dancers, choreographers, etc.)
- Music (any genre, musicians, singers, songwriters, conductors, etc.)
- **Literary Arts** (e.g. fiction, non-fiction, poetry, spoken word, graphic novels, etc.)
- Interdisciplinary and community-based arts

Persons eligible for the Arts Catalyst Award have:

• For five years or more, made a vital contribution to the development and ongoing vitality of the arts in Peterborough as arts administrators or managers, critics, curators, educators, programmers, or producers.

Persons eligible for the Arts Champion Award have:

• For ten years or more, provided outstanding support and encouragement for the development of the arts in Peterborough through philanthropy, volunteerism, or the development of partnerships and collaborations.

Getting started...

- Connect with the person you wish to nominate and indicate your intent to nominate them for an award.
 Expressed permission is important!
- If they say yes and meet the eligibility criteria, it's time to get started!
- Download a nomination form from the EC₃ website and carefully re-read the guidelines. Select the award category that best represents your nominee's career.
- Plan out some deadlines to keep you and your nominee on track! The deadline in April 9th at 5:00 pm.

Writing your letter...

- Refer to the eligibility requirements and identify how your nominee meets the criteria.
- Involve your nominee to get the most accurate and detailed information.
- Try to identify a theme or thesis statement to set a tone and clear take away points for the jury.
- Organize the letter effectively.
- Use specific details and examples.
- If possible, get feedback from a trusted second reader. And always edit the final draft for typos!

Artist CV and support material...

- Ask the nominee to send you a copy of their CV and digital support materials with a documentation list.
- Pay attention to cropping, context, and content.
- Use high quality digital images avoid blurry, crooked, or small file sizes.
- Use images that actually **support** the nomination they should be **relevant**, **strong** examples of work.
- Consider detail shots or other angles if that would benefit the artist/assist the jury.

Additional letter of support...

- Optional!
- Know someone else in the community who could attest to the artist's achievements and impact?
- You can ask them to write a secondary letter of support if you think it will add to your case.
- Supply this second writer with helpful information so they can produce a strong letter of support.

Completed Nomination Packages should include:

- Completed and Signed Nomination Form
- Nomination Letter (max 2 pages)
- Letter of Support (max 2 pages) (optional)
- Curriculum Vitae or Bio (max 3 pages)
- Support Materials and List (artists only)
- High Resolution Digital Photo of Nominee

How do I submit my nomination?

Please send nomination packages to:

electriccitycc@gmail.com

Or by mail to:

PO Box 2334 150 King Street Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7Y8

Submitting my nomination (email)

- Make sure to use a clear subject line and indicate which award the nomination is for.
- If your files are too large to attach, we accept via weTransfer or Google Drive, but be sure to indicate how we should expect to receive the support material in the primary email.
- You will receive a notice of receipt.

• If at first you don't succeed, nominate again at the next opportunity!

Questions?

OUTSTANDING EMERGING ARTIST

- This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a professional artist working in any discipline, in the early stages of their career.
- The candidate demonstrates great promise and ambition, has completed and presented, exhibited, published, or performed at least one artwork to the public in a professional setting (student work not included), and has been practicing for at least two years.

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OUTSTANDING MID-CAREER ARTIST

- This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a professional artist who has been working for at least five years in any discipline.
- The candidate has received recognition for their work in Peterborough and beyond, has completed and presented, exhibited, published, or performed at least three artworks and/or projects to the public in a professional setting, and continues to demonstrate the potential to excel in their practice.

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OUTSTANDING SENIOR ARTIST

- This award recognizes a professional artist working in any discipline who has a substantial history of outstanding achievement and who has made a significant contribution to their discipline, impacting arts practice in Peterborough and beyond.
- The candidate has completed and presented, exhibited, published, or performed at least five artworks and/or projects to the public in a professional setting and has been practicing for at least 15 years.

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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT BY AN INDIGENOUS ARTIST

- This award recognizes an Indigenous artist who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in any artistic discipline. Their arts practice has made a significant impact in Peterborough and surrounding region and within their discipline(s).
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ARTS CHAMPION

 This award recognizes a person who has, for ten years or more, consistently provided outstanding support and encouragement for the development of the arts in Peterborough through philanthropy, volunteerism, or the development of partnerships and collaborations.

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ARTS CATALYST

- This award recognizes outstanding achievement by a professional arts administrator or manager, art critic, curator, educator, programmer, or producer who has worked behind the scenes to build excellence in the arts.
- The candidate has worked for five years or more, making a vital contribution to the development and ongoing vitality of the arts in Peterborough.

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