



SASKATCHEWAN ARTS AWARDS – 2022

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

Nominations Deadline: May 31, 2022 – 11:59 PM

Presented by SK Arts, the Saskatchewan Arts Awards celebrate the achievements of individuals, groups and organizations in all arts disciplines. Recipients are given awards in six categories:

- Lieutenant Governor’s Lifetime Achievement Award
- Artistic Excellence Award
- RBC Emerging Artist Award
- Leadership Award—Individual
- Leadership Award—Organization
- Arts and Learning Award

Occasionally, SK Arts will also recognize individuals with an Honorary Award (see page 8).

The 2022 Saskatchewan Arts Awards will be held on October 24, 2022, at the Remai Arts Centre in Saskatoon, home of Persephone Theatre. The event brings artists, arts organizations, patrons of the arts and members of the business community together to celebrate the enormous contributions the arts community makes to our province's quality of life.

Submission

Nominations are only accepted online through SK Arts’ SmartSimple database:

<https://saskarts.smartsimple.ca/>

See page 3 for more instructions on creating an online nomination.

The final day to submit your complete nomination for assessment is non-negotiable. Even though the portal closes at midnight, remember that SK Arts staff only works until 4:30 pm and not at all on weekends. You will have to ask any questions that you have before those times.

To be fair to other nominators, staff are not authorized to give you an extension. Late nominations are not accepted.

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ELIGIBILITY AND NOMINATION INFORMATION

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Eligibility

Nominator Eligibility

Eligible Nominators

Individuals who are Saskatchewan residents, live and maintain a permanent physical address in the province, and are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada. Proof of residence may be requested.

Proof of residence is not required as part of the nomination but must be available on request. If requested, nominators and/or nominees must be able to provide three or more documents that verify residency status. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, a valid Saskatchewan Health Services card, a valid Saskatchewan driver's license, evidence of income taxes paid in the previous year as a Saskatchewan resident and/or other documentation that verifies Saskatchewan residency.

Organizations that are located in and have their permanent headquarters in Saskatchewan and have a significant portion of their activity taking place in the province.

Nominee Eligibility

Eligible Nominees

No individual, group, collective or organization will be selected for more than one award within any given year.

Nominees may receive each award once only. A list of past recipients of the Saskatchewan Arts Awards and the Lieutenant Governor's Arts Awards is available on SK Arts' website at www.sk-arts.ca/previousrecipients.

Professional artists being considered in artist award categories must meet at least three of the following criteria in a manner appropriate to their art form:

- The individual has received training and/or acquired knowledge and experience in a manner typical for their art form.
- The individual has begun creating a body of work since the conclusion of that training.
- The individual has been recognized as professional by others working in the same art form.
- The individual has received compensation for their artistic work at a level consistent with those of other professionals working in the same art form.

Individuals:

Saskatchewan residents who:

- Are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents of Canada,
- Live and maintain a permanent physical address in the province, and
- Have lived in Saskatchewan for a minimum of one year prior to the date of nomination and live in the province for at least six months in a year.

Individuals who meet the criteria for Saskatchewan residency as described above may be eligible while they are temporarily absent from the province for an arts education or artistic opportunity (e.g., artist-in-residence). The absence must be for no more two years and not be recurring. The individual must maintain their permanent physical address in Saskatchewan, must intend to return to the province at the end of the term and cannot receive funding from the jurisdiction of their temporary residence. Proof of residence may be requested.

Eligibility *(continued)*

Groups and Collectives:

At least 50% of the collaborators in groups and collectives must be professional artists; at least 50% of the collaborators must meet the criteria for Saskatchewan residency described above under “Individuals”. Proof of residence may be requested.

Organizations:

Organizations that are located in and have their permanent headquarters in Saskatchewan and are engaged in providing programs and/or services in the arts in the province.

Ineligible Nominees

- Self-nominations.
- Posthumous nominations.
- Nominations for an individual, group or collective from their family members or representatives (i.e. agents, managers, commercial galleries, etc.). Note: these individuals may provide statements of support for a nomination written by an eligible nominator.
- Nominations for an organization from its principals, Board members or employees.
- Nominations that do not include all required information and components.

Applicants will not be able to submit their nominations after the closing date.

Nomination Requirements

Begin by logging into SK Arts’ SmartSimple database: <https://saskarts.smartsimple.ca/>

See the TUTORIALS section on this page of our website for guidance on using our SmartSimple online system:

www.sk-arts.ca/menu/grants/general-granting-info/preparing-your-application.html

Create a profile for the Nominator:

- *If you are new to our SmartSimple online system, you may need to create an online profile for yourself or your organization as the Nominator with your own contact information. When first accessing the database, click on the Saskatchewan Arts Awards Nominator option. You will then be asked for your contact information, and you’ll receive an email with next steps.*
- *If you have applied for funding from SK Arts before, you may already have a profile. You may log in with your email address, or contact SK Arts to see if you have a profile already. Use the *Forgot Password?* option if you do not have a password for an existing profile or do not remember your previous password.*

Create and complete the online Nomination Form:

After you log in, click on Saskatchewan Arts Awards. Click the Saskatchewan Arts Awards Nomination Form button to start your nomination form. Click the “Save Draft” button at the bottom of the new form before entering information.

Nominee Information

- Select the appropriate Award Category for your nomination.
- In the next dropdown menu, select the appropriate choice for your nominee:
 - Individual
 - Group/Collective
 - Organization

- Enter the nominee name, contact person for the nominee group or organization (if applicable), nominee contact information and website (if applicable).

Nomination Details

- **Nomination Statement**: Explain the reasons for the nomination, and describe the nominee's contributions, accomplishments, impact and their implicit illustration of the criteria for the identified award (maximum 1,000 words).
- **Bio**: Enter a brief bio that includes the nominee's history, current activities and focus (maximum 250 words.).

Support Material

- *The following material that supports the nomination must be submitted for the **RBC Emerging Artist, Artistic Excellence Award and Lieutenant Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award** categories only.*
 - **Nominee Resumé**: If the nominee is an individual or collective, upload the nominee's artistic resumé that provides detailed information relevant to the specified award.
 - **Nominee Work Sample**: If applicable, upload one file that shows an example of the nominee's work, or enter website URLs for the nominee that relate to their work.
- **Letters of Support**: In the upload field, upload Word or PDF documents of support statements from individuals who are familiar with the nominee and their impact, achievements and contributions. Provide individuals writing the statements of support with a copy of the Nomination Statement and the award description to help them frame their comments. Include a *minimum of 2* and a *maximum of 5 letters* (1 page each). Letters should include the supporter's contact information and be labeled with the supporter's name in the file name.

Declaration

- **Authorization to Receive Communications**: If you want to receive information about SK Arts' programs, activities and upcoming grants deadlines, select "Yes" from the dropdown menu to authorize us to add your name to our mailing list.
- **Acknowledgement**: To enable us to process your nomination, you must type in your name and select "Yes" in the dropdown menu to indicate that you have read and understood the explanatory statements.

IMPORTANT:

Nominators are strongly advised to consider the award's assessment criteria when preparing their nomination. The assessment criteria for each award are available in this PDF, beginning on page 5.

SK Arts may contact the nominator at any time regarding any matter related to the nomination or to request additional information beyond that included in the online nomination.

Note on Confidentiality:

The personal and confidential information that is required to process your nomination is collected, used and disclosed in accordance with the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*. Personal and confidential information disclosed in the nomination will only be shared, as necessary, with employees of SK Arts and the peer reviewers. SK Arts does not disclose the names of nominees who are not short-listed publicly, and only releases the names of short-listed nominees or recipients with their express permission.

SK Arts will respond appropriately to any inquiries covered by the privacy policies and procedures, including requests to access the nominator's or nominee's personal information.



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AWARDS INFORMATION

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Selection of Award Recipients

Before nominations are assessed, SK Arts staff review them to confirm that eligibility and technical requirements have been satisfied.

Assessment of nominations is a competitive process. Submissions are assessed by an independent panel of peer reviewers with appropriate knowledge and experience, who provide ratings based on the assessment criteria specific to the award categories. The panel establishes a short-list of nominees for each award and selects the recipient.

SK Arts reserves the right to move a nomination to another award category if it or the review panel deems it more appropriate and/or not to allocate an award if the submitted nominations do not meet the criteria or if the panel chooses not to select a recipient for an award.

Cash Prize

All Saskatchewan Arts Awards, excluding the Honorary Award, include a cash prize. The amount of the cash prize will be determined after the finalization of SK Arts' 2022-23 budget.

Award Categories

Lieutenant Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognizes and celebrates an individual, group or collective engaged in the arts in Saskatchewan who:

- Is recognized as an established professional in their field who has reached an advanced level of accomplishment,
- Has produced a substantive, cumulative and prominent body of work, or has a history of continued contribution to the arts over a number of years, and has had a particularly significant impact on the arts in Saskatchewan through distinguished lifelong career achievements, and
- Has attained critical recognition nationally and perhaps internationally for an art practice and/or outstanding sustained and progressive contribution to the arts.

Award: cash prize and a limited-edition award

Assessors consider:

1. Artistic Merit

The nominee's acclaimed body of work; substantive, cumulative and prominent artistic achievements or continued contribution to the arts over a long and notable career; and critical recognition nationally and perhaps internationally for accomplishments and contributions to an art practice and/or the arts.

2. Relevance

The nomination and the nominee's accomplishments align with the stated purpose of the Lieutenant Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award.

3. Impact and Legacy

The nominee has made an outstanding sustained and progressive contribution to, and had a particularly significant impact on the arts in Saskatchewan through distinguished lifelong career achievements.

Artistic Excellence Award

Recognizes and celebrates an established professional Saskatchewan artist, group or collective working in any art form who:

- Is at an advanced stage in their career,
- Has created an extensive, independent body of work and is making a sustained and progressive contribution to the art form, and
- Has attained significant critical recognition nationally and perhaps internationally, and has had an important impact on the arts in Saskatchewan through publication and/or public presentation of their work.

The award may be given based on a significant accomplishment in a single year or on the artist's cumulative body of work.

Award: cash prize and a limited-edition award

Assessors consider:

1. Artistic Merit

The nominee's resumé, creation of an extensive independent body of work, critical recognition nationally and perhaps internationally, and achievements relative to their status as an established professional artist at an advanced stage in their career. The award may be given based on a significant accomplishment in a single year or on the artist's cumulative body of work.

2. Relevance

The nomination and the nominee's accomplishments align with the stated purpose of the Artistic Excellence Award.

3. Impact

The nominee is making a sustained and progressive contribution to the art form and has had an important impact on the arts in Saskatchewan through publication and/or public presentation of their work.

RBC Emerging Artist Award

Recognizes and celebrates an emerging professional Saskatchewan artist, group or collective working in any art form who demonstrates exceptional promise through early notable accomplishments and who:

- Is in the early stage of their career,
- Has created an independent body of work and is making a continuing and progressive contribution to the art form, and
- Has received regional and perhaps national recognition and has had an impact on the arts in Saskatchewan through publication and/or public presentation of their work.

Award: cash prize and a limited-edition award

Assessors consider:

1. Artistic Merit

The nominee's resumé, creation of an independent body of work, regional and perhaps national recognition through publication and/or presentation of their work, and level of achievement relative to their status as an emerging professional artist.

2. Relevance

The nomination and the nominee's accomplishments align with the stated purpose of the RBC Emerging Artist Award.

3. Impact

The nominee's notable accomplishments, artistic practice and body of work have had a positive impact on their career and the arts in Saskatchewan.

Leadership Award—Individual

Recognizes and celebrates an individual engaged in the arts in Saskatchewan who demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to the advancement of the arts and artists in the province through exemplary management, presentation, production, distribution, marketing, research, collection or curatorial practice.

For the Leadership Award—Individual, “individual” also can include two or more people who work together as one team.

Award: cash prize and a limited-edition award

Assessors consider:

1. Development of the Arts

The nominee’s work in advancing the arts and/or artists in Saskatchewan by means of exemplary management, presentation, production, distribution, marketing, research, collection or curatorial practice.

2. Relevance

The nomination and the nominee’s accomplishments align with the stated purpose of the Leadership Award for individuals.

3. Impact and Effectiveness

The nominee’s leadership, commitment and work have been effective and have had a positive and significant impact on the advancement of, and development of an appreciation and understanding of the arts and artists in Saskatchewan.

Leadership Award—Organization

Recognizes and celebrates an organization engaged in the arts in Saskatchewan that demonstrates outstanding leadership and commitment to the advancement, presentation and promotion of the arts and artists through exemplary programming, governance, operations, administration and/or innovation.

Award: cash prize and a limited-edition award

Assessors consider:

1. Development of the Arts

The nominee’s work in advancing, presenting and promoting the arts and/or artists in Saskatchewan by means of exemplary programming, governance, operations, administration and innovation.

2. Relevance

The nomination and the nominee’s accomplishments align with the stated purpose of the Leadership Award for organizations.

3. Impact and Effectiveness

The nominee’s leadership, commitment and work have been effective and have had a positive and significant impact on the advancement of, and development of an appreciation and understanding of the arts and artists in Saskatchewan.

Arts and Learning Award

Recognizes and celebrates a Saskatchewan educator who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the arts and learning by means of:

- Innovative approaches to education in the arts through exemplary programs, instruction, an art practice, or partnerships with artists or arts organizations that foster the creative and intellectual development through education and experiences in the arts, and
- The engagement of learners in the exploration of contemporary artistic ideas or creative experiences that stimulate their understanding of the arts.

The award may be for career-long accomplishments or for a particularly innovative project.

For the Arts and Learning Award, “a Saskatchewan educator” also can include two or more people who work together as one team.

Although nominees for this award may work within the traditional school system, the review panel will also consider individuals who have demonstrated commitment to life-long learning or mentorship in other settings.

Award: cash prize and a limited-edition award

Assessors consider:

1. Artistic Merit

The nominee has:

- Developed and/or presented high-quality artistic programming that fosters creative development through exploration of contemporary artistic ideas and/or creative experiences and
- Demonstrated a commitment to the importance of the arts in learning through innovative approaches, instruction, creative partnerships with artists or arts organizations and/or an art practice.

2. Relevance

The nomination and the nominee’s accomplishments align with the stated purpose of the Arts and Learning Award.

3. Impact

The nominee’s work, achievements and/or artistic practice have had a positive and significant impact on learners, school(s) and/or the community.

Honorary Award

Recognizes and celebrates an individual, group or collective engaged in the arts in Saskatchewan who has made exceptional contributions to the arts sector in Saskatchewan, through volunteerism, patronage or financial support.

Individuals, groups or collectives who are eligible to be nominated for Saskatchewan Arts Awards in other categories are not eligible for Honorary Awards.

Award: a limited-edition award

For nominations for the Honorary Award, only a nomination statement is required, though statements of support will be considered if submitted.

Nominations for the Honorary Award are not accepted online. If you want to nominate someone for an Honorary Award, please contact us.