



Hamilton

INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
DATE:	November 1, 2019
SUBJECT:	2020 Arts Awards Nominations
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Carrie Brooks-Joiner Director, Tourism and Culture Planning and Economic Development Department
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The purpose of this Information Update is to share details of the City of Hamilton Arts Awards, currently open for 2020 nominations.

This annual program promotes the City of Hamilton's pride in its arts community by inspiring success, fostering growth and celebrating the creative energy that enhances quality of life in our city. Citizens nominate artists for consideration by independent juries who choose 20 Emerging and Established artists to honour for their excellence in 11 arts disciplines. The Shirley M. Elford Artist's Fund at the Hamilton Community Foundation is once again presenting the **Shirley Elford Emerging Artist Prize** in conjunction with the Arts Awards program; in 2020 two prizes will be awarded to emerging artists in Writing, and Arts Education and Community Arts.

All nominees are promoted as part of the Arts Awards program, and each successful nominee is presented with a cash award and civic recognition.

Nominations for Arts Awards are now being accepted and we are encouraging nominations from communities across Hamilton. Although members of City Council and staff are not eligible to nominate artists, they may support the recognition of deserving artists living in Hamilton by promoting the opportunity to community contacts and encouraging citizens to nominate.

Nominators can go online at www.hamilton.ca/artsawards to complete and submit an online nomination form. A direct link to the nomination form is available <https://d3fp1f1m7bbt3.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/media/browser/2018-11-02/arts-awards-nomination-package-2020.pdf>. Hard copies are available at the Tourism

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Hamilton Visitor Information Centre, Lister Building, 28 James St. North, Ground Floor. **The nomination submission deadline is February 14, 2020.**

The Arts Awards will be presented at a public event on June 11, 2020 at Theatre Aquarius Dofasco Centre for the Arts as part of Hamilton Arts Week. Members of Council will have the opportunity to present an award. A Save the Date invitation will be provided with event details.

If you have questions about the Arts Awards Program or would like digital graphics or print pieces to promote nominations, contact Jen Anisef, Cultural Projects Specialist, Tourism and Culture Division at 905-546-2424 ext. 7612 or jen.anisef@hamilton.ca.

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