

2009 Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards Nomination Form

The deadline for submission of this application is October 1, 2009. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted or considered. Applications must be delivered to the office of the Edmonton Arts Council #808, 10310 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5J 2W4.

I. General Information

Name of Nominee (Applicant):

Address:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email Address:

Artistic Discipline

NOTE: If you are self-nominating you do not need to fill out the following section.

Name of Nominator:

Address:

Postal Code:

Telephone:

Fax:

Email Address:

Relationship to Nominee (please check):

- Mentor or Teacher Friend of Acquaintance
 Relative Employer or Co-worker
 Other (please describe) _____

II. Declaration of Nominator/Nominee:

In making/accepting this nomination, I the undersigned, hereby represent to the City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council and declare that to the best of my information and belief the information provided is truthful and accurate; the application is made on behalf of the nominee named on this page with his/her full knowledge and consent; the nominee meets all of the criteria of fundamental eligibility to apply for a 2009 City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Signature of Nominator:

Name (please print):

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Signature of Nominee:

Name (please print):

III. All Nominations must include the following: (with an English translation if applicable)

1. A summary of the nominee's artistic career, with an emphasis on evidence of artistic excellence.

2. Samples of the nominee's artistic work if available. This may include:

- audio cassettes,
- CDs (please specify track),
- DVD or VHS tape,
- slides or photos,
- writing samples
- other

Contact the EAC office for details on submission of materials.

3. A description of the artist's cultural background, including points of difficulty in becoming known or recognized in Edmonton. (ie: language, administrative, access to resources etc.)

4. A description of how the artist has engaged (if applicable), and intends to engage with the Edmonton community through his or her artistic practice.

IV. Successful recipients of the 2009 City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program will be expected to:

1. Work with the EAC in order to develop a plan to engage with the Edmonton community through his/her artistic practice within 12 months of receipt of this award. This could include EAC support (non-financial) for exhibition or presentation of the artist's work or introduction to artistic peers, for example.

2. Provide reasonable recognition of financial support by the Edmonton Arts Council and the City of Edmonton where appropriate. Logos are available from the EAC website www.edmontonarts.ca. Please contact the EAC if you need logos in an alternate format.

The information on this application is being collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the FOIP Act and will be used by the Edmonton Arts Council to determine eligibility for a Cultural Diversity in the Arts award and for purposes of administering the City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program. All information collected by the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Arts Council is protected by the provisions of the FOIP Act. You may direct questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information by this program to the Edmonton Arts Council at (780) 424-2787.

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) regulates the collection and disclosure of personal information by municipalities and municipal boards and agencies. The privacy of personal information requested in the Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program applications is protected by the FOIP Act.

2009 Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program Award Information

Purpose:

The City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council has established the Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program in recognition that artists from all parts of the world enrich Edmonton's cultural scene.

This program provides up to 12 awards of \$7,500 to encourage and support Edmonton artists from ethnically diverse cultural backgrounds, and to engage those artists in the broader Edmonton community. The Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program is an annual program in which individual artists that meet the eligibility criteria can be nominated for an award by any person in the general community. Self-nominations will be accepted. Organizations are not eligible.

The Edmonton Arts Council believes that diversity is a source of strength and vitality in the arts, and recognizes the need to support and reflect the contributions of artists from varied cultural backgrounds. Our goal is to be inclusive of and responsive to communities and artists that might not be currently connected with or have access to the Edmonton Arts Council or the established arts community. Priority will be given to artists who have never received funding through the EAC.

Eligibility:

A person is eligible to be considered for a City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award if she or he is:

- an Edmonton resident since at least January 1 of the year of the nomination
- eligible to work in Canada
- 18 years of age or older
- dedicated to devoting herself or himself to her/his artistic activity
- working in any artistic medium including but not limited to dance, theatre, music, literary arts, storytelling and other oral traditions, fine craft, media arts or visual arts.

The program will provide awards of \$7,500 to artists:

- from ethnically diverse cultural backgrounds who are not yet familiar with Edmonton's established arts institutions and/or artist support programs
- who are dedicated to pursuing their artistic endeavors while living in Edmonton
- who demonstrate a commitment to some aspect of the broader cultural life of Edmonton

Definitions:

The Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program will support artists who are, or aspire to be, excellent artists. "Excellence" may be verified by a favorable assessment of the artist's work by peers, by past awards, by academic qualifications, or by community and public recognition.

Application Procedure:

Completed applications for a 2009 City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program must be received at the Edmonton Arts Council at #808, 10310 Jasper Avenue Edmonton, AB T5J 2W4 no later than October 1, 2009. Incomplete applications or applications received after this date will not be considered.

Selection Process:

Award recipients will be chosen by a Committee appointed by the Edmonton Arts Council. The Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the Edmonton Arts Council who will then make 2009 Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program award recommendations to the City of Edmonton. There will be no appeal process.

For more information about the City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program, please contact Laurie Stalker at 780-424-2787 ext225 or email lstalker@edmontonarts.ca.