

## Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award

The City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council established the Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program to recognize that artists from all parts of the world enrich Edmonton's cultural scene. We also understand that newcomers can feel isolated from the greater community.

These awards recognize and support individual artists who, due to their cultural background and relatively recent arrival in our city find themselves in artistic exile. The intent is to help these artists pursue their artistic work and connect with the more mainstream institutions and support networks taken for granted by most Edmonton Artists.

Anyone may nominate artists for this award, or artists may self-nominate.

Awards are fixed at \$7500 to allow an artist concentrated time for artistic work.

### Funds are intended to support:

An Artist who:

- is a relative newcomer to Edmonton
- is artistically isolated due to cultural factors
- had an established artistic practice prior to arriving in Edmonton
- intends to actively pursue their artistic practice in Edmonton
- wants to connect with the greater Edmonton arts community

### Funds are not intended to support

- artists who are already well established within the Edmonton community, either by extended residency or a record of achievement and recognition
  - individuals who want to start an arts practice from the beginning
  - formal academic research or study
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## Eligibility

A person is eligible for a Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award if she or he is (all of the following must apply):

- 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
- committed to pursuing their artistic endeavours while living in Edmonton
- a relative newcomer to Edmonton (usually defined as having arrived within the last 10 years, but individual circumstances may vary)

## Nomination

Nominators must complete the attached form and provide the following information. Please refrain from using covers, binders or staples.

### 1. Background of the Artist

This may in part take the form of a Resume or C.V. In all cases please include:

- a summary of the nominee's artistic life, with an emphasis on evidence of artistic achievement in their own context such as public display, awards, academics or other community recognition
- a description of the nominee's cultural background and path to Edmonton
- a summary of the nominee's challenges in pursuing their artistic work in Edmonton (such as language, access to resources, financial pressures, etc)
- (if applicable) a description of how the artist has engaged with the Edmonton community through their arts practice to date

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## 2. Artistic support material demonstrating the nominee's work (if it is available).

- this may include written text, digital images, audio or video
- limit the support material to a maximum review time of 10 minutes or 10 pages of written text.  
Please do not submit originals.

## 3. Impact of award

- describe the potential short-term impact of a Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award on the nominee
- discuss the artist's plans to pursue their arts practice in Edmonton
- describe the artist's potential engagement with the greater Edmonton arts community and how this award might further that engagement

## Evaluation / Selection

All nominations will be reviewed and evaluated by a jury assembled by the Edmonton Arts Council that will make recommendations for potential award recipients. The EAC Board will review and forward recommendations to the City of Edmonton for approval. There will be no appeal process.

The jury will be guided by the text in this document that describes the purposes of the program, and will in all cases consider:

- the artistic achievement and potential of the nominee
- the cultural circumstances of the nominee
- the nominee's potential future contribution to the Edmonton community
- the potential impact of this award on the artistic life of the nominee

## Deadlines and Delivery

The deadline for receipt of the complete nomination is 4:30pm on October 3, 2011. Complete applications must be received in the office of the Edmonton Arts Council on or before the deadline. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted or considered.

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For more information about the City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program, please contact Stephen Williams at 780-424-2787 ext225 or email: [swilliams@edmontonarts.ca](mailto:swilliams@edmontonarts.ca)

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*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.*

## 2011 Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award Nomination Form

The deadline for receipt of the complete application is 4:30pm on October 3, 2011.

### 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 or 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 2011 City of Edmonton Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award.

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

Signature of Nominator:

Name (please print):

Dated at Edmonton, Alberta this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Signature of Nominee:

Name (please print):