
Arts Council of the Central Okanagan



OKANAGAN

Arts
AWARDS

February 25, 2012

Nominations

◆ Introduction

The Okanagan Arts Awards were created by the Arts Council of the Central Okanagan to celebrate excellence in the arts throughout the Okanagan Valley. These awards serve to underline the importance of the arts to the people and communities of the Okanagan and to recognize outstanding achievement by groups and individuals in the arts.

The Arts are the soul of any community. They make a significant contribution to the social, physical and economic wellbeing of the Valley and as such it is important to support and encourage those who are instrumental in ensuring the Arts survive and thrive in the Okanagan.

The Okanagan Arts Awards hosts an annual celebration where nominees are recognized for their contributions and award sculptures are given to the winners of each category.

Anyone living in the Okanagan Valley is eligible to be nominated as these awards cover the entire valley.

◆ Description of Awards

Arts Categories:

THE ARTS AWARDS RECOGNIZE ALL FORMS OF THE ARTS:

- **The Central Okanagan Foundation Community Arts Organization Award:**
 - **Music:** singing, song writing, performance, etc
 - **Theatre:** producer, director, actor, company, etc.
 - **Dance:** performance, choreographers, companies, etc.
 - **Literary Arts:** fiction, non-fiction, news, weblogs, etc.
 - **Visual Arts:** all forms and types of art, etc.
 - **Design:** pottery, fashion, jewelry, furniture, etc.
 - **Media Arts:** film, video, web, animation, etc
 - **Arts Educator:** a teacher in any context, public schools, community, etc.
 - **Supporter of the Arts:** through financial, volunteer, assistance or other contributions

- A **Lifetime Achievement Award** will be presented.

Individuals, groups, associations or businesses are eligible to be nominated for these awards.

An award will not necessarily be given out in every category. The Jury Committee reserves the right to not award a particular award based on its judgment of the nomination applications.

*** Nominations can be made in one category only.**

◆ **Criteria for the Awards**

The criteria used to select the recipients of the Okanagan Arts Awards are:

The nominee must:

- **Reside within the Okanagan Valley.**
- **Have made significant achievements within the chosen artistic field (dance, music, media, etc). This achievement can include performing and/or production of the arts, or the support of the arts.**
- **Have made significant contribution to his/her Arts Community, and have shown significant leadership with the arts.**

◆ **Timelines of the Awards**

The annual timelines are as follows:

Call for Artists for the Award Sculpture design	June 1, 2011
Launch of the annual Sculpture Design	October 6, 2011
Call for Nominations for Awards	October 6, 2011
Deadline for Nominations	January 9, 2012
Selection of Award Recipients	January 29, 2012
Celebration Event, Award Presentations	February 25, 2012

◆ **Submitting Nomination Packages**

Nominations for the Okanagan Arts Awards must be completed and submitted by 4:00 pm on the due date to the office of the Arts Council of Central Okanagan. Submissions can be mailed or dropped off in person. It will also be possible to fill in the form on-line, however, it may or may not be possible to complete an entire nomination on-line, depending on the material submitted as evidence of the applicant's accomplishments.

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◆ Requirements of a Nomination Package

A Nomination package must include all the following required components:

1. From the Nominator

- the nomination form
- two letters of support
- two pages (maximum, 8.5" x 11") to describe the nominee's accomplishments, and to present the reasons the applicant is eligible to receive the award,

2. From the Nominee

- support material (six pages maximum) such as certificates, newspaper articles, photographs, etc., or 5 minutes on CD or DVD for media/performing arts.
- a "head shot" photograph, high resolution, jpg on CD
- 3 – 4 pictures of the nominee at work, and/or the nominee's artwork, on CD
- a self addressed return envelope for the return of material

IF YOU REQUIRE ASSISTANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ARTSCO OFFICE, 250-861-4123.

◆ Awards Recipients Will Receive

The recipients of an Art Award will receive the following:

- ◆ an award certificate
- ◆ a letter from the President of the Arts Council of the Central Okanagan
- ◆ the award sculpture
- ◆ a press release announcing the award sent to local print, television and radio press
- ◆ an announcement and profile on the Arts Council Website
- ◆ a profile at the Celebration Event
- ◆ inclusion in the Celebration Event Program

Arts Council of the Central Okanagan
Okanagan Arts Award Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Name _____
Last Name First Name

Address: _____

City Postal Code

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number _____
Home Work

Please check one Award Category for this nomination.

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| _____ Central Okanagan Foundation Community Arts Association Award | |
| _____ Arts Educator | _____ Music |
| _____ Dance | _____ Supporter of the Arts |
| _____ Design | _____ Theatre |
| _____ Literary Arts | _____ Visual Arts |
| _____ Media Arts | |

Nominator Information:

Name _____
Last Name First Name

Address: _____

City Postal Code

Email Address: _____

Telephone Number _____
Home Work

Nominator's Signature _____