



ARTIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

Definition

The Artist of the Year Award recognizes the art or activity of a person, group or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2018. The Award comes with a piece of original art.

Residency Requirements

The nominee must be a resident in Newfoundland and Labrador for a minimum of 12 months prior to the date of the nomination. "Resident" is defined as someone who maintains a principal place of residence in the province. In the case of groups and organizations, 50% of the membership must qualify under the residency rules.

Nominations

Members of the arts community and general public can nominate one person, group or organization. **Nominees will be considered only for the category in which they are nominated. Permission from the nominee is mandatory.**

Nominations can be completed online at <http://artsnl.smartsimple.ca>.

Deadline: Nominations must be received by **Thursday, January 31, 2019.**

It is *strongly recommended* that the nominator seek letters of support for the nomination, which can be forwarded to ArtsNL by email (creid@nlac.ca) anytime before the nomination deadline by the nominee or letter author.

ArtsNL will contact nominees to request support materials, which will inform the Council's discussions.

Electronically submitted support material (PDF, JPG, links to video, etc.) must be uploaded **by the nominator using the ArtsNL online system**. (A username and password will be supplied to the nominee in the event they don't already have one.)

Voting and Selection

The recipient of the Artist of the Year Award is selected by members of Council who vote by secret ballot. In the event of a tie vote, the Chair has a second vote. If there are no nominees, or if those nominated do not qualify under the specified criteria, no award will be presented that year. There is no limit to the number of times a person, group or organization may be nominated or win the Artist of the Year Award.

The Artist of the Year Award is given posthumously only if the nominee dies after being selected as the winner.