



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
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SUBJECT:	2025 City of Hamilton Arts Awards Nominations Now Open (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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The public is invited to nominate outstanding artists and arts community champions for the 2025 City of Hamilton Arts Awards. Nominations will be accepted until Monday, December 9, 2024, via www.hamilton.ca/artsawards. Hard copy nomination forms are available by emailing artsawards@hamilton.ca or by calling (905) 546-2424 ext. 7612.

The Arts Awards are an opportunity to celebrate Hamiltonians for their artistic excellence or community leadership in the arts. It is now easier than ever for the public to nominate artists in the following three categories:

- **Creator Awards** (Nine awards, \$2,500) – recognizes excellence amongst artists, arts managers or artistic collectives (including bands) working in any artistic discipline and at any career level.
- **Arts Champion Awards** (Up to four awards, \$2,500 per award)– acknowledges the essential work of arts sector volunteers, advocates, or board members.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award** (One awarded annually, gift of recognition) – recognizes those who have contributed substantially to the artistic vitality of the city over the course of a career.

Recipients in all categories will be announced in June 2025, as part of Hamilton Arts Week. Nominators are required to submit their nominee contact information and a brief statement outlining why they feel the artist or community champion should be

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nominated. Public nominations will be ranked by a review panel of artists and arts sector experts to generate a short list, and award winners will be determined by a selection panel of leading arts professionals.

Established in 1976, the Arts Awards profiles and honours nominees while the annual awards event showcases dynamic arts programming, continuing a tradition of celebration and recognition of Hamilton's creative culture. The City of Hamilton and program sponsors and partners have awarded \$352,500 and 247 awards since 2011.

Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Jen Anisef, Cultural Projects Specialist, Planning and Economic Development at Jen.Anisef@hamilton.ca.