



2021 Awards Nomination Guidelines

This document contains information on the Arts Awards rules, eligibility requirements, evaluation and submission content.

Please review carefully.

Before you begin an Arts Award nomination you will need:

- A resume, biography or history of the person or group you wish to nominate
- Information about the nominee's work in St. Catharines
- Optional: Letters of support from other people enthusiastic about this nominee
- Optional: support materials such as samples of art practice, media reviews, etc.

For more information please contact culture@stcatharines.ca or call **905 359 7348**.

Thank you for taking the time to recognize local artists and cultural workers, organizations, volunteers and patrons!

Nomination Deadline: THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2021, 4 PM

Rules and Eligibility

- All nominees must be St. Catharines residents, or have made a consistent, significant and recent contribution to the arts in St. Catharines, or a significant portion of their practice is based in St. Catharines. Recent is considered within the last 2 years.
- Note: owner / tenant of land in St. Catharines will also be considered a "resident."
- All nominations are screened to ensure eligibility.
- Posthumous nominations will be considered.
- Nominations may be submitted by an individual or organization.
- Only nominations received between January 18 and April 1, 2021 will be considered for the 2021 Awards.
- Nominators may make one nomination per category, per year in each of the 5 award categories.
- Nominators may not nominate themselves for an award.
- Nominees must consent to the use of photos and biographical material to be used for promotions.
- The Arts Awards are not grants. The receipt of an Arts Award is not a requirement for the awarding of any municipal grants.
- The City of St. Catharines reserves the right to accept or reject nominations and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all nominations in any category.
- Proposed nominees must score a minimum of 60% average from the Jury to move forward and be confirmed as an award nominee.
- The City reserves the right to cancel any and/or all awards at any time.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria is different for each category. All nominations will be evaluated by an independent Jury comprised of three (3) artists and/or arts professionals and a member of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee. The Jury will use the criteria in their decision-making. Please see the end of this document OR the nomination form for details.

Support Material

REQUIRED:

1. A professional biography of the nominee, or resume as available (Word or PDF format)

SUGGESTED:

Please note that, while additional support material is not mandatory, it will strengthen your nomination. Please consider adding the following to your nomination:

1. Samples of artist's work, including but not limited to:
 - Visual, fine craft, multimedia image files
 - Performance excerpts of a recent work
 - Writing samples
2. Up to 3 testimonials, i.e. letters of support (max 2 pages per letter)
3. Any pertinent third-party reviews of the artist's work or media coverage

Guidelines for Examples of the Artist's work:

- For each sample below also include a corresponding list including the artists, title, date, director, publisher etc. Files submitted online or on dvd/usb to staff.
- For any category it is suggested you provide the artist website, YouTube or social media if available.
- Visual, Fine Craft, Multimedia: Include six (6) to twelve (12) images
- Music (performances, technical, or production): Include up to three (3) songs
- Theatre, Performance, Dance: Include five (5) to fifteen (15) minutes of a recent work
- Writing: Include up to three (3) samples of current work, up to 10 pages in total

Recognition

Award recognition will be presented as follows:

- Arts in Education, Established Artist, and Making a Difference - a \$500 cheque and a beautifully hand-crafted St. Catharines Arts Award
- Emerging Artist - a \$500 cheque and civic certificate of appreciation
- Patron of the Arts - a beautifully hand-crafted St. Catharines Arts Award

Please refer to upcoming pages for scoring criteria for each category.

ARTS IN EDUCATION AWARD

The Arts in Education Award celebrates an individual, collective or organization that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to engaging St. Catharines residents through arts education activities.

One (1) recipient will be recognized with an Award and a cheque for \$500.

CRITERIA	Score	
St. Catharines Resident.	2	
Quality of nominee's arts education programming activities.	5	
Evidence of real or potential impact on participants from nominee's activities.	5	
Contribution and/or engagement with the St. Catharines arts community can be characterized as:	Significant	4
	Consistent / ongoing	2
	Recent (active within previous 2 years min.)	2
Length of service in arts education in St. Catharines.	5	
Third-Party recognition of nominee's arts education activities.	5	
TOTAL SCORE	/30	

EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

The Emerging Artist Award is presented to up to two (2) (when needed) emerging St. Catharines artists working in any discipline to celebrate current accomplishments and future potential. Emerging Artists are establishing careers in their field and are working to become recognized professional artists. The Jury will consider nominees who are 18 years or older, who are based and active in St. Catharines. When possible, recipients will be selected from two different disciplines. Emerging Artists are considered those with an artistic practice of less than 10 years.

Up to two (2) recipients will each be recognized with a Civic Certificate and a cheque for \$500.

CRITERIA	Score	
St. Catharines Resident.	2	
Artistic merit / interest.	5	
Evidence of commitment to artistic practice.	5	
Career path in artistic discipline.	5	
Critical acknowledgements of the artist's work.	4	
Recognition by local arts community.	4	
Contribution and/or Participation in St. Catharines Arts community can be characterized as:	Significant	3
	Consistent / ongoing	1
	Recent (active within previous 2 years min.)	1
TOTAL SCORE	/30	

ESTABLISHED ARTIST AWARD

The Established Artist Award is presented to a professional St. Catharines artist in any discipline who has received critical recognition for excellence in their art practice in St. Catharines and beyond. The jury will consider nominees who have been actively practicing their art form for at least 10 years and whose work has made an impact on the St. Catharines' community.

One (1) recipient will be recognized with an Award and a cheque for \$500.

CRITERIA		Score
St. Catharines Resident.		2
Artistic merit / interest.		5
Evidence of commitment to artistic practice.		5
Critical acknowledgements of the artist's work.		5
Engagement with broader arts community - regionally, provincially, nationally.		5
Contribution and/or Participation in St. Catharines Arts community can be characterized as:	Significant commitment	4
	Consistent / ongoing	2
	Recent (active within previous 2 years min.)	2
TOTAL SCORE		/30

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD

The Making a Difference Award celebrates a St. Catharines arts entrepreneur, arts administrator, arts organization, arts animator or volunteer in the arts whose leadership and innovation have significantly contributed to the growth and development of arts and culture in St. Catharines.

One (1) recipient will be recognized with an Award and a cheque for \$500.

CRITERIA		Score
St. Catharines Resident.		2
Length of time the nominee has been active in their area of contribution.		7
Nominee's leadership in initiating a new or significant event, organization or initiative in St. Catharines.		10
Contribution to the growth and development of the St. Catharines arts community can be characterized as:	Significant	4
	Innovative	3
	Consistent / ongoing	2
	Recent (active within previous 2 years min.)	2
TOTAL SCORE		/30

PATRON OF THE ARTS AWARD

The Patron of the Arts Award celebrates an individual, business or organization that has made a meaningful contribution to the arts in St. Catharines through innovative, transformative, and entrepreneurial partnerships or philanthropic investments.

One (1) recipient will be recognized with an Award.

CRITERIA		Score
St. Catharines Resident, Business or Organization.		2
Creative and innovative nature of nominee's arts patronage.		7
Evidence of real or potential impact on St. Catharines Arts Community as a result of patronage.		5
Transformative nature of contribution.		3
Commitment to the St. Catharines arts community can be characterized as:	Enduring (Has a future legacy)	7
	Significant	3
	Consistent / ongoing	2
TOTAL SCORE		/30

How to Submit the Nomination(s)

Please submit the completed Nomination Form and additional support materials to:

Online Portal (preferred): www.stcatharines.ca/artsawards

Mail to: City of St. Catharines Arts Awards
 c/o Cultural Services
 Attention: Ashley Judd-Rifkin
 PO Box 3012, 50 Church Street, St. Catharines, ON
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Do not send nominations by email.

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