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TO: MAYOR A. NUTTALL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: A. DYKE, CULTURE OFFICER - DEVELOPMENT

NOTED: S. SCHLICHTER, DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC AND CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT
B. ARANIYASUNDARAN, P.ENG, PMP, GENERAL MANAGER,
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RE: BARRIE ARTS AWARDS EVENT DETAILS AND FINALISTS

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2024

This memorandum provides members of Council with an update about the 2024 Barrie Arts Awards.

The Barrie Arts Awards is an annual celebration of excellence in the arts across a variety of disciplines, including awards for Most Promising Youth, Emerging Artist, Contribution to the Community, Artist Beyond Barriers, Business Champion and Excellence in the Arts. The event features performances by local artists and a poetry reading by Barrie's Poet Laureate, Tyneisha Thomas.

The 2024 Barrie Art Awards will be celebrated at the MacLaren Art Centre on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 with doors opening at 6:00 P.M. and the awards show starting at 7:00 P.M.

Members of the Barrie arts sector will celebrate the many successes of the past year, enjoy performances from local artists, and present six individuals with awards. Each year, the awards are designed by an artist. This year's Arts Awards are hand-carved statuettes designed by regional artist Aylan Couchie.

Nominations Update

With support from Access Barrie, a robust marketing campaign resulted in 68 complete nominations over the six categories. Nominations were reviewed by a third-party panel of adjudicators made up of cultural managers from outside of the community who selected finalists and winners in each category.

2024 Arts Awards Finalists

Artist Beyond Barriers – Carolyn Boyd, Andrina Lewis, Greg Koturbash

Business Champion – Ryan Farley, JSN Just Some Noise, Stephen David Sperling

Contribution to the Community – Amy Bagshaw, Making Change, Iain Moggach

Emerging Artist – Chris Canales Cisneros, Sarah Hancock, Keara Voo

Excellence in the Arts – Jeanette Luchese, Iain Moggach, Bruno Smoky

Most Promising Youth – Jules Ozon aka JULES IS DEAD, Isabelle Pauze, Olivia Tucker

Finalists are invited to the Barrie Arts Awards gala on November 12th where they will be celebrated, and winners announced.

Award Categories



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Most Promising Youth

Must be 19 years of age or younger and currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution. This youth will have demonstrated a superior ability in their art form. This award can be for any form of art, e.g., visual, performing, literary, etc.

Artist Beyond Barriers

Must be an artist, performer, or writer who has demonstrated creative originality through a body of work despite living with a continuous or recurrent mental or physical disability that results in a substantial restriction in their ability to work, care for themselves, or take part in community life. These individuals may be living or deceased.

Excellence in the Arts

Must be an established professional artist, performer, or author who has demonstrated through one or more bodies of work creative originality, professional maturity, and artistic leadership. These individuals may be living or deceased.

Emerging Artist

Must be an individual who has begun to develop a body of work in preparation/or pursuit of a professional career in the arts.

Contribution to the Community

Must be an individual, duo, or collective that has played a significant role in the development of an arts organization or program or contributed to the overall arts community in building capacity and enriching the lives of Barrie residents and the local environment. These individuals may be living or deceased.

Business Champion

This award will be given to an individual or business operating in the Barrie area that has consistently and significantly supported the arts through either financial and/or in-kind means. This award may be granted to a business that has made a concerted effort to build capacity in the arts.

For all Barrie Arts Awards categories, nominees must work, live, attend school, exhibit or perform within Barrie. Past winners may not be nominated for the same award they won in a previous year but may be nominated for a different category. Self-nominations are accepted if accompanied by a letter of endorsement.

Sponsors

The Barrie Arts Awards are supported by sponsors including in-kind support. Sponsors for the 2024 Barrie Arts Awards include: Rhubarb Media, MTAV, Rock 95, Kool FM and Barrie 360, MacLaren Art Centre, Allegra Barrie, and Ted Handy and Associates. Award sponsors include Georgian College Design and Visual Arts – Emerging Artist Award, City of Barrie Seniors and Accessibility Advisory Committee - Artist Beyond Barriers Award.

For more information, please visit [Barrie.ca/ArtsAwards](https://barrie.ca/ArtsAwards).