



THE  
LIEUTENANT  
GOVERNOR  
OF ALBERTA  
*emerging*  
ARTIST AWARD

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

### Purpose

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation has established a program of awards for emerging artists to support and encourage promising artists, early in their careers, while also serving to raise the profile of the arts in Alberta.

### Prizes

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Awards are awarded every second year, beginning in 2008. Each Award consists of \$10,000 and a Medal. Up to ten prizes may be awarded in each awards cycle.

### Application Process

Award recipients are selected by an application and adjudication process. Emerging Alberta Artists who meet the eligibility criteria set out below may make application for the Award.

### Appraisal by Established Artists

Appraisals are required from two established artists who are in a position to provide the Foundation with a candid assessment of the Applicant's current accomplishments and potential to develop. Appraisals are confidential to the Appraiser and Adjudication Panel.

### Adjudication Process

Adjudication will be by a panel of knowledgeable persons appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation Board of Directors in consultation with The Banff Centre, and coordinated by staff of The Banff Centre. Results of the adjudication will be received by the Board of the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation. Decisions of the Foundation Board are final.

### Presentation of Awards

The Awards will be presented by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta at an event held at Government House in Edmonton.

### Eligibility Criteria

A person is eligible to be considered for the Emerging Artist Award if she or he is:

1. A Canadian citizen or 2 or more years as a landed immigrant;
2. A resident of Alberta who has pursued their chosen art form within the province for at least the last two years, or an individual who has spent a significant and formative period of their development in the province and who has intent or desire to contribute to the artistic fabric of the province in the future; and
3. An emerging artist, defined as someone who has completed training, an apprenticeship or a recognized body of work in an arts discipline and meets the requirements of one or more of the following:
  - is at an early stage in their artistic career and dedicated to the professional practice of the art, as evidenced by a significant investment of time and resources
  - has created a modest body of independent work and has a history of public presentation or publication
  - is recognized as an artist by others working in the same artistic tradition.



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For the purposes of this award, “Arts” includes:

- The Performing Arts, including without limitation: the creators, composers, choreographers, interpreters, and performers in music, dance, theatre and opera
- The Visual Arts, including without limitation: painting, print making, sculpture, performance and installation art, photography, new media and fine craft
- Cinematic Arts, including without limitation: film and video drama, documentary and art film/video
- Design
- Architecture
- Literary Arts, both English and French, including without limitation: fiction including novel, short story, blended genres, poetry and drama.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Eligible Applications will be adjudicated on the basis of:

- Artistic merit of Applicant’s current achievements
- Artistic potential of Applicant
- Clarity and achievability of Applicant’s artistic goals
- Capacity of the Applicant to meet her or his stated artistic goals
- Potential for the Award to support the artistic development of the Applicant and to assist the Applicant in meeting her or his stated artistic goals.

For information on the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Emerging Artist Award, please visit the website at [www.artsawards.ca](http://www.artsawards.ca) or e-mail [artsawards@shaw.ca](mailto:artsawards@shaw.ca)