

# 2012 Prince George Regional Arts & Cultural Awards

## Friday, April 27, 2012, 7:30 p.m., Prince George Play House

### Background

The Prince George Regional Arts and Cultural Awards recognize the efforts of residents to enrich the social life of the community. The 2012 awards are a partnership between the Prince George Community Arts Council and the Prince George Public Library, with recipients being acknowledged for their excellence in 16 categories.

### Nomination of Recipients:

A call from the community for nominations in each category will go out on Monday, January 30. Along with a news release, the arts council and the library will encourage nominations through their community contacts, as well as with social media, websites, and internal promotions through staff, customers and their board members. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 2, 2012 at 5 p.m. Nominations should be sent to Neil Godbout, library communications coordinator, by e-mail ([ngodbout@lib.pg.bc.ca](mailto:ngodbout@lib.pg.bc.ca)), by mail (887 Dominion Street, Prince George, BC, V2L 5L1), by fax (250) 563-0892 or by hand-delivery to the Bob Harkins branch of the library. Nominations should be in the form of a letter, stating why the nominee is deserving of the award, citing recent works by the nominee. Letters of support from other members of the community and other supporting material, such as photographs, images, video (performance or rehearsal), news clippings, etc., are welcome. Each nomination must include the full name and contact information of the nominee, along with the full name and contact information of the nominator. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Posthumous nominations are acceptable, providing the nominee made a significant artistic contribution in their category in 2010 and/or 2011.

### Criteria:

Each award will be presented to an individual, group or business that has made a significant contribution in the category they were nominated. Each award has its own separate criteria (see below). All residents of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser Fort George are eligible for nomination, except for current staff and directors of the Prince George Community Arts Council and the Prince George Public Library.

### Selection:

Three finalists and one recipient of each award will be selected by a committee made up of staff from the Prince George Community Arts Council and the Prince George Public Library in the middle of March. The selection committee will make its judgment based on the quality of the nominations and reserves the right to not present an award in any category. The board of directors of the Prince George Community Arts Council and the Prince George Public Library will independently ratify the award finalists and recipients during an in-camera session at their March meetings. After ratification, all finalists will be informed and formally invited to the awards night.

### Awards Criteria

*Environment* – This award recognizes an individual, group or business for excellence in the fields of architecture, landscape design or interior design for work completed in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George during 2010 and/or 2011.

*Advocacy* – This award recognizes an individual for outstanding devotion to create public awareness of the activities and interests of the arts community in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George during 2010 and/or 2011.

*Education* – This award recognizes an individual for excellence in the education of children and/or adults in any artistic field during 2010 and/or 2011 in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George. Professional and volunteer teachers in the public sector and the private sector, as well as tutors and instructors, are all eligible for this award.

*Fiction* – This award recognizes an individual author living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for outstanding short stories or novels professionally or self-published during 2010 and/or 2011. Unpublished works will not be considered for this award.

*Non-Fiction* – This award recognizes an individual author living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for excellence in any area of non-fiction on any topic, including memoirs, narrative and literary non-fiction, history, commentary, and journalism, for works professionally or self-published in 2010 and/or 2011. Both long works (books) and shorter works (essays, columns) are eligible for this award. Unpublished works will not be considered for this award.

*Poetry* – This award recognizes an individual author living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for outstanding work professionally or self-published during 2010 and/or 2011. Unpublished works will not be considered for this award.

*Advertising* – This award recognizes an individual, group or business in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for excellence in graphic design, writing, and photography in any media (online, newspaper, radio and/or television) for professional or volunteer work completed during 2010 and/or 2011. All distributed advertising and promotion in any media, including logos, book covers, CD covers, etc., is eligible for this award. Work not distributed to the public will not be considered for this award.

*Visual Arts 2D* – This award recognizes an individual living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence and accomplishments in any medium and style of 2D visual arts including but not limited to painting, drawing, mixed media, public arts and photography.

*Visual Arts 3D* - This award recognizes an individual living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence and accomplishments in any medium and style of 3D visual arts including but not limited to sculpture, public works, ceramics, metal, fibre, wood, concrete and mixed media.

*Actor* – This award recognizes an individual living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence, involvement and contributions to the theatrical performances in Prince George and region including, but not limited to theatre, musicals, operas, commercials, and any form of spoken word.

*Dance* – This award recognizes an individual living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence, involvement and contributions to the art of dance in Prince George and region including but not limited to traditional, contemporary, and cultural forms of dance.

*Stage Production* – This award recognizes an individual living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence, involvement and contributions to the art of stage production in Prince George and region, including but not limited to theatrical plays, dance performance, special events and other coordinated productions which include a public performance.

*Vocalist* – This award recognizes an individual living in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence, involvement and contributions to vocal performances in Prince George and region including, but not limited to concerts, theatre, musicals, operas, commercials, and special events.

*Ensemble* – This award recognizes a group based in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence, involvement and contributions to collaborative musical performance in Prince George and region including, but not limited to theatre, musicals, operas, commercials and special events.

*Culinary Arts* – This award recognizes a group or individual based in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for their excellence, involvement and contributions in Prince George and region to culinary visual presentation including but not limited to plating, buffet display and food carving.

*Alice Box Memorial Award* – This award recognizes an individual for outstanding contribution to the arts and cultural life in Prince George and/or the Regional District of Fraser Fort-George for the last 10 years or more. The recipient will be chosen based on the quantity, quality and diversity of their professional, volunteer and/or philanthropic support of the entire arts community.