



# St. Albert Mayor's Celebration of the Arts

## Nomination Package

**Closing Date: October 17, 2025**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards recognizes and honours the exceptional artistic talents within our vibrant community. From visual artists to musicians and instrument makers to dancers and poets, and for all those who have made the Arts their lifelong commitment, the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts Awards celebrates creativity and collaboration among individuals and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the local arts scene in St. Albert.

With a wide range of categories, the awards highlight excellence and innovation demonstrated by artists in our community. Award categories include Youth Artist, Emerging Artist, Mid-Career Artist, St. Albert Gazette Arts Champion, Arts Teaching and Lifetime Achievement. Each nominee represents a unique voice, bringing their own vision and passion to the forefront!

Join us! Nominate an artist, arts champion or arts organization and celebrate the extraordinary talents within our community.

## TIMELINE

<b>August 25, 2025</b>	Nominations open
<b>October 17, 2025</b>	Deadline for nominations
<b>Date TBA</b>	Reception for all award recipients

## AWARD CATEGORIES

Artists can be nominated in any **one** of the following categories.

**Six awards** are presented recognizing artistic achievement and the support of the arts in the following categories:

- **St. Albert Gazette Arts Champion**
- **Youth Artist**
- **Emerging Artist**
- **Lifetime Achievement in the Arts – Cultural Wall of Fame Award**
- **Mid-Career Artist**
- **Excellence in Arts Teaching**

All award recipients will receive an original work of art by a St. Albert artist and a \$1,000 monetary award.



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AWARD – CULTURAL WALL OF FAME

**The Office of the Mayor presents: Lifetime Achievement Cultural Wall of Fame.** The recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award will be that year's inductee(s) into the Cultural Wall of Fame.

Lifetime Achievement is awarded to artists who have made long-standing and significant achievements over the course of an entire career. This includes Artistic practice, recognition by peers and the Artist's contribution to the local and broader Artistic community. The recipient of the award is inducted into the Cultural Wall of Fame. One award will be given out per cycle.

Individuals or organizations that have been nominated for induction and meet the requirements but are not selected will remain on the eligibility list for subsequent years.

Guidelines for the Lifetime Achievement Cultural Wall of Fame:

1. Consideration for the Lifetime Achievement award will be based on the following considerations:
  - a) Outstanding achievement in their arts and cultural field;
  - b) A measurable impact on the community of St. Albert that could take the form of, but is not limited to:
    - Regional, provincial or national media exposure of the community of St. Albert due to this individual and/or their work.
    - Distinguished accomplishment of a body of work or activity.  
Example: a Juno award in music or Giller Prize in literature.
    - Positive economic impact as a result of a body of work or activity.
    - A legacy deemed to be remarkable.
  - c) A mastery of their craft as demonstrated by a long-standing career or body of work that has received national and international acclaim or award by their peers.
  - d) Currently is a resident of or has spent a significant amount of time in St. Albert. People may be recognized posthumously.



## DESCRIPTION OF AWARD CATEGORIES

### ST ALBERT GAZETTE ARTS CHAMPION

The **St. Albert Gazette Arts Champion Award** recognizes an individual, organization or corporation who makes an exceptional contribution to the arts in St. Albert as a leader, volunteer, advocate, supporter, sponsor and/or philanthropist.  
*(Up to 2 awards may be given in this category)*

### EMERGING ARTIST

The **Emerging Artist** award recognizes an artist in the early stages of a career. The recipient of this award exhibits exceptional talent and dedication to his or her chosen arts field and is working towards becoming a recognized professional artist while engaging with the community.  
*(Up to 2 awards may be given in this category)*

### MID-CAREER ARTIST

Recognizes artists whose professional careers have passed the early stages, who have produced a reasonable body of work and have attained a fair degree of public exposure. Must have been practicing professionally for at least eight years to apply to this category and is a recognized amateur or professional in their field. One award will be given in this category.

### EXCELLENCE IN ARTS TEACHING

The **Excellence in Arts Teaching** award acknowledges the importance of teachers and instructors in arts education. The recipient of this award personifies excellence in arts teaching and either resides or teaches in St. Albert.  
*(Up to 2 awards may be given in this category)*

### YOUTH ARTIST

The **Youth Artist** award pays tribute to the importance of the arts in the education of youth in the community. Individuals between the ages of 13 and 21 years of age are eligible for this award and will either live in or receive their arts education in St. Albert.  
*(Up to 2 awards may be given in this category)*



## GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING

- Please read the guidelines to ensure that your nomination form meets all eligibility requirements and is completed in full.
- Late nominations will not be accepted.
- The names of all nominees will be published.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

## NOMINEES

- The nominee must have a significant connection to St. Albert. Significant connection is defined as: live in, be a student in, work in, have grown up in or spent a significant portion of their lives in St. Albert.
- Nominees will be considered for one award category only.
- If multiple category nominations do occur, the nominee will be contacted to determine what category best suits the nominee.
- Incomplete packages will not be reviewed by the jury.
- Past Arts Awards nominees can be nominated again in the same category.
- Past Arts Awards recipients cannot be nominated again in the same category.
- Photo requirements must be adhered to.

## NOMINATOR

- Can be an individual, organization or business.
- Can nominate an artist in one category only.
- Can be a family member.
- Artists can self-nominate.



## SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION

Nominations will be accepted online at [stalbert.ca/mcoa](https://stalbert.ca/mcoa).

The deadline for nominations is **Friday, October 17, 2025**.

For more information about the nomination process or the event contact:

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## HOW ARE NOMINEES RECOGNIZED?

The nominees of the Mayor's Arts Awards will receive the following:

- A letter from the Mayor of St. Albert.
- Mention in a news release announcing the award nominees sent to local print, television and radio media.
- Mention on the City of St. Albert website.
- Highlighted on the City of St. Albert social media feeds.

## HOW ARE RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED?

The recipients of a Mayor's Arts Award will be recognized in the following ways:

- A short video clip that can be used to showcase your talents on your social media channels.
- Featured article in the arts and cultural newsletter [St. Albert Live](#).
- Opportunity to perform at events that the City produces (as artistic discipline allows).
- Featured on the City of St. Albert's social media channels.
- Invitation to an Exclusive Reception and Recipient Announcement with the Mayor of St. Albert.



## SELECTION PROCESS

The Jury will consist of members from the Arts Development Advisory Committee and external professional advice as needed, to adjudicate the recipients of awards and make recommendations to Council. The Jury may recommend that an award not be given in one or more categories at their discretion.

The Jury will consider the following when deciding upon recipients:

1. Artistic Impact
2. Sustained development over a minimum of three years  
(with the exception of Youth Artist)
3. Community Impact

All decision made by the Jury are final.

## DEFINITIONS

**Artists** – are individuals engaged in an activity related to creating art, practicing the arts, or demonstrating an art.

**Arts** – may include but is not limited to: visual, performing, literary, film, video and media arts.

**Business supporter** – a commercial business that is a supporter and/or advocate for the arts community.

**Organization** – arts groups that provide products or services to improve or benefit a community.

**Significant connection** – live in, be a student in, work in, have grown up in or spent a significant portion of their lives in St. Albert.

**Sustained** – an ongoing commitment of three years or more.

**Significant contribution** – a contribution to arts in St. Albert that has had a considerable impact on an arts organization.

**Teacher** – an arts teacher or instructor:



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nomination process, please contact:**

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