



Cultural Leaders Legacy Artist Awards 2021  
**NOMINATION PACKAGE**  
**CCIS NEW CANADIAN ARTIST AWARD**  
**Deadline:** Friday, January 15, 2021, 4:30pm

The **Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) New Canadian Artist Award** was established to recognize that artists from all parts of the world enrich Calgary's arts sector. This award recognizes and supports an individual artist whose cultural background and relatively recent arrival to Canada present communication barriers, difficulties in transferring relevant credentials, and isolation from Calgary's arts community. The award intends to help these artists pursue their artistic work and connect with the institutions and support networks that are available to all Calgary artists.

This is a \$5,000 cash award, with funds intended to allow an artist concentrated time or access to resources or materials for their artistic work. The award will be presented to the recipient as part of the Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions event in 2021 or at an alternate awards presentation event. The winner of this award will also receive a paid residency at Calgary's new central public library from June to August 2021.

This award was established by Calgary Catholic Immigration Society and Calgary 2012 and is a legacy project of Calgary's year as a Cultural Capital of Canada.

### **About Calgary Catholic Immigration Society**

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society (CCIS) is a non-profit, non-denominational agency committed to making immigration a positive experience for refugees, immigrants, and the community. CCIS offers over 70 programs in 14 locations throughout Calgary and surrounding areas.

Supporting all aspects of settlement and integration, CCIS programs and services are broken down in the areas of employment, community and development, resettlement and integration, health and wellness, and families and children. Our roster of over 250 staff speaks 62 languages collectively, making us the largest immigrant-serving agency in the Prairies and one of the top five in Canada. In 2021, CCIS will be celebrating 40 years of service to our community.

We recognize that there is a gap present between newcomers and the arts community in Calgary. We are hoping to bridge this gap by supporting meaningful connections and partnerships that allow newcomers to feel welcome to engage and comfortable to participate in our vibrant local arts scene.

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## **Award Rules & Criteria**

### **1. Eligibility**

#### **Who can be nominated for this award?**

Nominees for the CCIS New Canadian Artist Award must:

- Have lived in Canada for five years or less.
- Be currently living in Calgary.
- Be committed to pursuing artistic work while living in Calgary.

#### **For this award, an artist may be a:**

- Visual artist (painter, sculptor, metal artist, glass artist, muralist, film or new media artist, etc.)
- Musician (singer, songwriter, composer, etc.)
- Theatre artist (actor, director, playwright, etc.)
- Dance artist (dancer, choreographer, etc.)
- Literary artist (novelist, poet, etc.)

### **2. Nominations**

Artists may self-nominate for this award. Nomination packages must include the following:

- One (1) copy of the nomination form available at the end of this document signed by both the nominee and nominator.
- One (1) copy of a 30-word synopsis of why the nominee has been nominated (may be used for publication and media purposes in the event the nominee is selected to receive the award).
- One (1) summary of the nominee's cultural background and artistic life, with an emphasis on their artistic achievement in their country of origin. This summary may include a CV or resume.
- One (1) letter of nomination (1,000 words or less). If an artist is self-nominating, someone other than the artist must write this letter. This letter should include:
  - A summary of the nominee's immigration and settlement experience, including how they have pursued their artistic work in Calgary and Canada.
  - The award's potential impact on the nominee.
  - The nominee's potential to engage with Calgary's arts community.

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- Up to five (5) pieces\* of support material demonstrating the work of the nominee as it pertains to this award. Please note these materials must be submitted in the following file formats, and each file can be a maximum of 3MB: JPEG, PDF, DOC, DOCX, MP3, YouTube or Vimeo link.

\* Please note that a piece of support material is equal to one piece of the nominee's work, not one digital file. One file containing five different images or examples of the nominees' work will be considered as five pieces of support material, not one.

### 3. Jury

The awards jury will be composed of artistic peers and community members based in Calgary. Jury members are not disclosed in advance of the Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions.

In the event of a perceived conflict of interest, an alternate will replace the jury member in question. The jury will operate with strict confidentiality. All decisions are final. Calgary Arts Development may screen nominations to verify eligibility.

### 4. Selection Criteria

The award recipient will be selected based on the following criteria:

*Artistic Merit - maximum of two points*

- Does the nominee demonstrate skill in their practice or discipline, as evidenced by their work, CV, awards, and past experience?
- What is the nominee's potential for future artistic achievement in Canada?

*Impact on the Community - maximum of four points*

- To what extent does the nominee currently contribute or have the potential to contribute to Calgary's arts community?
- Does the nominee's work provide an innovative approach to their practice or discipline that will enrich Calgary's arts community?
- Will the nominee contribute a unique cultural practice or discipline to Calgary, or enrich an existing cultural community with their work?

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*Impact on the Artist - maximum of four points*

- Will this award provide the nominee with opportunities to be recognized by and connected to Calgary's arts community that they do not currently have, or would not otherwise have?
- Will this award have a noticeable impact on the nominee's ability to undertake their artistic practice in Calgary?

## **5. Notification**

All nominators and nominees will receive acknowledgement of receipt by mail and email and will be notified of whether their applications were successful in advance of the Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions. The recipient will be asked to keep the status of their nomination confidential until the event, and will also be asked to accommodate the filming of a recipient video.

## **6. Deadlines and Delivery**

The deadline for uploading of complete nomination packages is **4:30pm on January 15, 2021**. Complete applications must be submitted online through [calgaryartsdevelopment.com](http://calgaryartsdevelopment.com) on or before the deadline. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted or considered.

If you require assistance with your nomination package, or if you have nominated someone and did not receive acknowledgement of receipt of notification, please contact Kaley Beisiegel at [kaley.beisiegel@calgaryartsdevelopment.com](mailto:kaley.beisiegel@calgaryartsdevelopment.com).

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**Before submitting your nomination package, ensure that you have prepared:**

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- One (1) copy of a letter of nomination (1,000 words or less) signed by the nominator.
- Up to five (5) pieces\* of support material demonstrating the work of the nominee and their suitability for this award.

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For more information about the CCIS New Canadian Artist Award, email [awards@mayorsslunch.com](mailto:awards@mayorsslunch.com).

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## NOMINATOR

In the case of a self-nomination, please have this section completed by the individual writing your letter of nomination.

Name:

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Phone:

Email:

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Mailing Address:

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I Nominate:

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Signature:

Date:

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Printed Name:

Title:

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## NOMINATED ARTIST

Name:

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Phone:

Email:

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Mailing Address:

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*I agree to be nominated for the above award and understand that, if successful, I will be available to film a recipient video, attend the Mayor's Lunch for Arts Champions, participate in the artist residency at the new central public library, and be available for media interviews/photographs following the event. I agree to allow Calgary Arts Development and Calgary Catholic Immigration Society the use of photos/video taken before and at the event for promotional purposes.*

Signature:

Date:

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Printed Name:

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