



Cultural Leaders Legacy Arts Awards 2025

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RBC EMERGING ARTIST AWARD

Deadline: February 28, 2025, 4:30pm MT

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The **RBC Emerging Artist Award** was established to recognize up-and-coming Calgary-based artists. The award recognizes that a thriving cultural community includes artists who choose to live and build their careers in Calgary from the outset.

The intent of the award is to bring recognition and awareness to outstanding artists in the early phases of their careers. These artists may have received public recognition already, but are considered relative newcomers to their field (i.e., less than five years in their field).

This is a \$5,000 cash award, with funds intended to support and encourage artistic work of up-and-coming artists. The award will be presented to the recipient at an event celebrating the arts on April 24, 2025.

This award is sponsored by RBC and is a legacy project of Calgary 2012, Calgary's year as a Cultural Capital of Canada.

About RBC

RBC's purpose is to help clients thrive and communities prosper. They believe their success as a company is defined by the long-term well-being of the people they serve, the places they operate, and the planet for the future generation. RBC supports artists and arts organizations of different genres including visual art, music, theatre, performance, literature and film.

Award Rules & Criteria

Eligibility

Nominees for the **RBC Emerging Artist Award** must meet all the following criteria:

- Be a Calgary resident since the beginning of the nomination year (2025).
- Have an artistic career that has not exceeded five years.
- Be currently pursuing their artistic work in Calgary and show an ongoing commitment to their artistic practice.

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Nominations

Nomination packages must include the following:

- One (1) copy of the nominee's artist resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- 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).
- Example(s) demonstrating the work of the nominee as it pertains to this award (**maximum five individual examples**). Please note the example(s) must be submitted in the following file formats, and each file can be a maximum of 3MB: PDF, DOC, DOCX.
- One (1) letter of nomination (1,000 words or less) from a peer or colleague within the artist's field of work.
- One (1) copy of the Nomination Declaration form, available for download on the award web page, signed by both the nominee and nominator.

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 official announcement of recipients by Calgary Arts Development.

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.

Selection Criteria

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

Artistic Merit - Maximum of Six Points

- How is the nominee's artistic expression unique?
- How can the nominee's level of accomplishment be measured against peers at similar stages of development?
- Is the nominee recognized as a professional by their peers?
- The body of work by the artist as expressed in their resume.

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Impact on the Community - Maximum of Five Points

- What is the nominee's commitment to Calgary's arts community?

Impact on the Artist - Maximum of Three Points

- To what extent will the award help the nominee develop their career?

Special Considerations - Maximum of One Point

- Are there any extenuating considerations that are not addressed by the criteria above?

Notification

All nominators and nominees will receive acknowledgement of receipt by mail and email, and will be notified of whether their applications were successful. The recipient will be asked to keep the status of their nomination confidential until the official announcement of recipients by Calgary Arts Development and will also be asked to accommodate the filming of a recipient video.

Deadlines & Delivery

The deadline for uploading completed nomination packages is 4:30pm on February 28, 2025.

Complete applications must be submitted through our [online platform](#) on or before the deadline. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted or considered.

If you have nominated someone and did not receive acknowledgement of receipt or notification, please contact awards@calgaryartsdevelopment.com.

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

- One (1) copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- One (1) copy of a 30-word synopsis of why the nominee has been nominated.
- Up to five (5) examples demonstrating the work of the nominee and their suitability for this award. As few as one example is acceptable.

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[**awards@calgaryartsdevelopment.com**](mailto:awards@calgaryartsdevelopment.com).

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