

Edmonton Arts Council - Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards Recommendations

Recommendation:

That the Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards recommendations, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the December 12, 2012, Edmonton Arts Council report 2012EAC015, be approved.

Report Summary

A total of ten Awards are recommended for a total of \$75,000.

Report

- Nominations were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to 4:30 p.m., on October 1, 2012.
- Eighteen Nominations were received.

- A Peer Jury was appointed in accordance with Bylaw 14157 Community Investment Grant Bylaw and Policy C211F.
- The Jury considered the nominations and made award recommendations to the Edmonton Arts Council Board of Directors.
- The Edmonton Arts Council Board approved the recommendations at their November 14, 2012, meeting.
- In accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F, each applicant was notified of the jury's recommendation.
- Ten awards are recommended.
- This program has one deadline annually.

Justification of Recommendation

The recommendations are made in accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F.

Attachment

1. Program Summary

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The City of Edmonton through the Edmonton Arts Council established the Cultural Diversity in the Arts Program to recognize that artists from all parts of the world enrich Edmonton's cultural scene.

These awards recognize and support individual artists who, due to their cultural background and relatively recent arrival in our city find themselves in artistic isolation. The intent is to help these artists pursue their artistic work and connect with the more mainstream institutions and support networks.

Awards are fixed at \$7500.

Any adult who has been a resident of Edmonton since January 1, 2012 and is able to legally work in Canada was eligible to be nominated. Nominees were expected to be "a relative newcomer to Edmonton (usually defined as having arrived within the last 10 years)"

2012 CIP Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award recommendations

Nicolas Arnaez	Musician (Jazz Keyboard / Composer) <i>Originally from Argentina</i>
Gerardo Sebastian Barrera De La Torra	Musician (Guitar) <i>Originally from Chile</i>
Berline Charles	Musician (Voice) <i>Originally from Haiti</i>
Sylvia Grist	Visual Arts (Painting and Installation) <i>Originally from France</i>
Aimee Mbuluku	Musician (Voice) <i>Originally from Congo</i>
Marijan Megla	Visual Arts (Painting) <i>Originally from Yugoslavia</i>
Sharmila Pokharel	Writer (Poet) <i>Originally from Nepal</i>
Garth Prinsonsky	Musician (Voice) <i>Originally from Namibia</i>
Andres Torres-Scott	Writer (Fiction) <i>Originally from Mexico</i>
Malavika Venkatsubbaiah	Dancer (Indian / Bharatha Natyam) <i>Originally from India</i>