

Edmonton Arts Council – Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts

Recommendation:

That the recommendations as outlined in Attachment 1 of the January 19, 2011, Edmonton Arts Council report 2010EAC016, be approved.

Report Summary

A total of \$72,500 is recommended in funding: \$52,500 to individuals nominated for Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards and \$20,000 to the Writer's Guild of Alberta to support Edmonton's Writer-in-Exile.

Previous Council/Committee Action

At the December 13, 2010, Agenda Review Committee meeting, the January 19, 2011, Edmonton Arts Council report 2010EAC016 was postponed to the January 19, 2011, City Council meeting.

Report

Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards

- Nominations were accepted at the Edmonton Arts Council up to 4:30 p.m., on October 1, 2010. There were nine nominations received.
- A Cultural Diversity Jury was appointed in accordance with Bylaw 14157 Community Investment Grant Bylaw and Policy C211F Community

Investment Grants to Organizations and Individuals.

- The Cultural Diversity jury considered the applications and made funding recommendations to the Edmonton Arts Council Board of Directors.
- The Edmonton Arts Council Board approved the recommendations at its December 8, 2010, meeting.
- In accordance with Bylaw 14157 and Policy C211F, each applicant was notified of the jury's grant recommendation. There was no appeal process for this award program.

Edmonton's Writer-in-Exile Program

- A portion of the Cultural Diversity in the Arts funds go to support the Writer-In-Exile program which is run in partnership with the University of Alberta, the Writer's Guild of Alberta, LitFest, and the Edmonton Public Library.
- A separate jury formed of members of Edmonton's literary community selected the Writer-in-Exile.

Justification of Recommendation

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

Attachments

1. 2010 Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Recommendations
2. Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Awards program information
3. Writer-in-Exile program information

Background Information Available on Request from the Department

1. Summary of Award Nomination

2010 Community Investment Program Cultural Diversity in the Arts Recommendations

Cultural Diversity in the Arts Award

Macha Abdallah,	dancer, child of African refugee immigrants	\$7,500
Korapin Chaotakoongite	photographer, from Bangkok, Thailand	\$7,500
Da Wei Chen	musician, from Zuhai, China	\$7,500
Jean-Claude Kamov	musician, from Democratic Republic of Congo	\$7,500
Constantino Lucila	dancer/choreographer from Manila, Philippines	\$7,500
Yukari Meldrum	writer/poet from Japan	\$7,500
Valeriy Semenko	visual artist from Chernivtsi, Ukraine	\$7,500

The Writer's Guild of Alberta (in support of Writer-in-Exile Goran Simic, originally from Bosnia)	\$20,000
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Total Recommended	\$72,500
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