



GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS FOUNDATION

Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Governor General's Performing Arts Awards are Canada's foremost distinction for excellence in the performing arts. Created in 1992 by the late Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn (1934 – 2002), then Governor General of Canada, the Awards have become a celebration of excellence that introduces Canadians to important artists, raises our awareness of achievement in varied disciplines, and invites us to applaud the performing arts "heroes" whose passion and creativity move, entertain and inspire us.

Each year, the prestigious Governor General's Performing Arts Awards are presented to six performing artists for their achievements and contributions to the cultural enrichment of Canada. The Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts is a companion award given to an individual or group to recognize outstanding contribution in voluntary service to Canada's performing arts.

The recipient is presented with a specially commissioned artwork created by a Canadian artist and a commemorative medallion provided by the Royal Canadian Mint.

NOMINATION DEADLINE:
JUNE 21, 2010
(FOR RECIPIENTS IN 2011)

All support documentation must be postmarked no later than the deadline date.

Send your completed nomination package by regular mail, courier or fax to:

**The Governor General's
Performing Arts Awards
Foundation**
406 – 130 Slater Street
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 6E2

Fax: (613) 238-4849

For more information:
www.ggpaa.ca
(613) 241-5297
whitneyb@ggpaa.ca

You may make up to two nominations for Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award recipients. If you are making two nominations, you must prepare separate nomination forms and packages for each nominee.

RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY

Recipients of the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada and their contribution made in the service of the Canadian community. Voluntarism is defined as giving personal time and expertise, displaying generosity, and/or establishing a history of financial support in the service of a community, without direct or indirect financial or other compensation for the service.

Members of the Boards of Directors of the following organizations are NOT eligible to receive an Award in any year during which they are actively serving on the Board:

- Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Foundation
- National Arts Centre
- National Arts Centre Foundation
- Canada Council for the Arts
- Canadian Conference of the Arts
- National Film Board of Canada

No awards will be given posthumously. Awards will be given only to persons who are living on the date the recipients are announced publicly.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The principal criterion for assessing nominations for the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts is **the quality and scope of the voluntary contribution made by the nominee(s) to the performing arts in Canada over an extended period.**

The completeness, quality, accuracy and strength of documentation submitted are essential parts of your nomination, because the peer juries rely heavily on this material. The peer jury may be reviewing dozens of nominations, and, since they come from across Canada and from both official language groups, jury members may not necessarily be as familiar with some nominees as with others. Extremely brief or incomplete documentation – even on nominees whom nominators consider to be well-known – makes the jury members' already difficult task even more difficult.



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PART 1 OF 3 – I WISH TO NOMINATE

NAME OF NOMINEE

TELEPHONE (IF KNOWN)

E-MAIL (IF KNOWN)

NAME OF NOMINATOR

TITLE/ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE)

MAILING ADDRESS: STREET AND APARTMENT/SUITE NUMBER

CITY

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

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PART 2 OF 3 – DECLARATION OF NOMINATOR

As a nominator for the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts:

- I have read carefully the criteria for the Awards and confirm that the nominee meets the criteria;
- I confirm that I am an eligible nominator as described above and on the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Foundation website: www.ggpaa.ca;
- I certify that the information contained in this nomination form is accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge; and
- I agree to abide by the decision of the Board of Directors of the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards Foundation in selecting the Award recipients.

Please indicate your agreement to have this nomination brought forward for consideration in each of the coming three years: **I agree** **I disagree**

NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PART 3 OF 3 – SUPPORT MATERIAL

Please check the boxes below to confirm that the required support material is included in the nomination package.

Nomination Statement/Letter

Describe (in no more than two pages) why you are nominating this individual or group for the Ramon John Hnatyshyn Award for Voluntarism in the Performing Arts. Please focus on how the nominee has contributed to the service and development of the performing arts in Canada. The nominator must sign the statement/letter.

Biography of Nominee

Provide a current biography of the nominee, with emphasis on his/her/their voluntary contribution to the performing arts in Canada.