

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Tickets Available for 2015 Culture & Heritage Awards Ceremony**

*Celebrating the best of Nanaimo's culture and heritage on April 9, 2015*

#### **Summary**

On Thursday, April 9, 2015, the City of Nanaimo will recognize the best of Nanaimo's culture and heritage with the 2015 Culture & Heritage Awards Ceremony. The ceremony, an evening of recognition and local entertainment, will be held in the Port Theatre at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) to honour the following recipients:

EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER - Amanda Scott

HONOUR IN CULTURE - Arlene Blundell

EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE - Grant Leier & Nixie Barton

HERITAGE BUILDING REHABILITATION (Residential) - McCourt Residence, owned by Andrea Saam-Lawry and Tim Lawry

HERITAGE BUILDING REHABILITATION (Institutional) - St. Paul's Anglican Church, owned by the Anglican Diocese of BC

Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets are free but must be reserved. To reserve your tickets, contact the Port Theatre Box Office (250-754-8550) or online at [www.porttheatre.com](http://www.porttheatre.com).

*Strategic Link:* The Culture & Heritage Awards further the goals of the Cultural Vitality (Creativity, Diversity, Heritage and Innovation) Pillar of the Strategic Plan.

#### **Key Points**

- The "Emerging Cultural Leader" Award is presented to up-and-coming leaders who have contributed significantly to the new landscape of cultural life in Nanaimo.
- The "Honour in Culture" Award is presented to an individual, group or corporation that is known for their dedication and support of the cultural fabric of Nanaimo.
- The "Excellence in Culture" Award is presented to an organization or individual that has achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture.
- "Heritage Building Rehabilitation" Awards are designed to formally recognize the efforts made by individual property owners to conserve and rehabilitate Nanaimo's heritage buildings.

#### **Quotes**

"The Culture & Heritage Awards celebrate and recognize those individuals and groups from within our community that have made significant contributions to Nanaimo's culture and heritage."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

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