

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Tickets still available for the 2016 Culture & Heritage Awards Ceremony**

*Celebrating the best of Nanaimo's culture and heritage on April 13, 2016*

#### **Summary**

On Wednesday, April 13, 2016, the City of Nanaimo will recognize the best of Nanaimo's culture and heritage with the 2016 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 - Alyssa Glassford\*HONOUR IN CULTURE - Debbie Trueman\*EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE - Susan Juby\*JOHN THOMSON HERITAGE MEMORIAL - John Hofman

There will be performances by:

\*VIBRANT DANCE STUDIO\*BRIGADOON DANCE ACADEMY\*M.E.M. DANCE COMPANY\*NANAIMO'S POET LAUREATE\*THE FOOTPRINTS OF THE WOLF\*WELLINGTON JAZZ BAND\*IAN PERRY

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

*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 recognizes up-and-coming leaders who have contributed significantly to the new landscape of cultural life in Nanaimo.
- The "Honour in Culture" Award recognizes individuals, groups or corporations known for their dedication and support of the cultural fabric of Nanaimo.
- The "Excellence in Culture" Award recognizes organizations or individuals that have achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture.
- The "John Thomson Heritage Memorial" Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding heritage service and dedication to the community.

#### **Quotes**

"These awards celebrate those who have made significant contributions to Nanaimo's culture and heritage, making it a more culturally vibrant community."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

"This year's award ceremony will not only celebrate those who have contributed to Nanaimo's culture and heritage, but will also feature a variety of performances by many local and talented youth."

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