

## NEWS RELEASE

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### 2018 Culture & Heritage Award Recipients Announced

*City to recognize the best in arts and culture on Thursday, April 5*

#### Summary

Each year, the City of Nanaimo recognizes individuals and groups that make Nanaimo a more culturally vibrant city. Council has approved the following recipients for the 2018 Culture & Heritage Awards:

EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE - Mr. Rick Scott  
HONOUR IN CULTURE - Mr. William Good  
LIFETIME CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENT (for posthumous recipients) - Ms. Audrey Alexandra Brown  
HONOUR IN HERITAGE - Ms. Jan Peterson

Recognition of these recipients will take place at a special awards ceremony to be held at the Port Theatre on Thursday, April 5, 2018. Tickets are free but must be reserved through the Port Theatre Box Office at [www.porttheatre.com](http://www.porttheatre.com) or 250-754-8550. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*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 Excellence in Culture Award honours organizations and individuals that have achieved regional and/or national recognition in the field of arts and culture (visual, performing or literary arts).
- The Honour in Culture Award honours groups, corporations or individuals that are known for their dedication and support of the development of the cultural fabric of Nanaimo.
- The Lifetime Cultural Achievement Award is awarded to posthumous recipients. This award was established to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to the culture of our community over their lifetime.
- The Honour in Heritage Award is presented to individuals, groups and corporations who demonstrate outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo's heritage and history. This is a new award category for 2018.

#### Quotes

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's arts and cultural volunteers and creative talent. The work of these dedicated volunteers and professionals contributes to a sense of cultural vitality and pride within our community."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

## Quick Facts

- The Culture and Heritage awards (formerly the City of Nanaimo Cultural Awards) were established 1998 to recognize excellence in arts and culture within the community.
- 2018 Marks the 10 year anniversary of Nanaimo being recognized as a Cultural Capital of Canada.
- The Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday, April 5th at the Port Theatre.

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