

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Council Announces 2020 Culture & Heritage Award Recipients**

*City to recognize excellence in culture and heritage on April 16*

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 2020 Culture & Heritage Awards:

**HONOUR IN CULTURE** - Trish & Geoff Horrocks

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.

**EMERGING CULTURAL LEADER** - Patrick Aleck

The Emerging Cultural Leader Award recognizes up-and-coming Nanaimo-based cultural leaders. The award recognizes that a thriving Nanaimo cultural community includes leaders who choose to live and contribute to the cultural life of Nanaimo.

**EXCELLENCE IN CULTURE** - Devon Joiner

The Excellence in Culture Award recognizes organizations and individuals that have achieved regional and/or national recognition in the fields of arts and are recognized as a "Nanaimo Artist", have demonstrated excellence in their field and are a significant inspiration to others.

**HONOUR IN HERITAGE** - Gary & Adam Manson

The Honour in Heritage Award recognizes individuals, groups and corporations who demonstrate outstanding support, advocacy, promotion or interpretation of Nanaimo's heritage and history. This award category was created in 2018.

"These awards recognize the best of Nanaimo's culture and heritage volunteers and creative talent", said Mayor Krog. "The work of these dedicated individuals contributes to our sense of cultural vitality and community pride. We are all proud of them."

Recognition of these recipients will take place at a special awards ceremony to be held at the Port Theatre on April 16, 2020. Tickets and ceremony details will be advertised prior to the event on the City of Nanaimo and Port Theatre's website. Everyone is welcome to attend. Tickets will be FREE but must be reserved in advance through the Port Theatre Box Office.

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