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## **2018 Lieutenant-Governor's Awards Postponed Until Next Year**

*(28 September 2018 – Fredericton, NB)* The nominations for the 2018 Lieutenant-Governor's Awards were assessed by a jury of peers this summer. Many are undoubtedly eager to find out the results of the adjudication process. At this time, however, members of the Board of **artsnb** asks for patience following their decision to postpone the announcement of the results and the ceremonies for the 2018 Lieutenant-Governor's Awards until next year, citing that:

*“Work at **artsnb** continues to move forward, with a new slate of board members, a new strategic plan recently completed, and a new communications plan in process. Given these considerations, the Board has decided to forgo the Lieutenant-Governor's Awards this year, so that the Board can take the time needed to re-assess how artistic excellence and the achievements of New Brunswick's talented and hard-working artists are recognized and celebrated.*

*The Board fully intends to present awards in 2019, once these have been rebranded. Please note that the results from the 2018 nomination process will not be announced until then.”*

Note that the nominations put forward in 2018 will stand in 2019 and will therefore not need to be resubmitted next year. Over the next few months, the Board and staff of **artsnb** will work assiduously on the rebranding and restructuring of the awards, and look forward to unveiling and presenting them in 2019.

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*The New Brunswick Arts Board is an arm's length arts funding agency with a legislated mandate to facilitate and promote the creation of art as well as administering funding programs for professional artists in the province. Most of the funding for these programs is provided through the province's Arts Development Trust Fund and by the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.*