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## ***Lieutenant-Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts return***

(May 29, 2019– Fredericton, NB) The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is pleased to announce that the *Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts* (LGA) will return this fall, following a year-long hiatus.

"I am delighted to offer the full support of my office – and my name," said Lieutenant-Governor Jocelyne Roy Vienneau. "New Brunswick has some of the best visual, performing and literary artists in the world, and they deserve to be recognized as such."

In order to conduct a careful assessment and to determine how best to celebrate New Brunswick's top artists, **artsnb** established a committee comprising past LGA laureates, members of arts associations, professional artists, as well as members of **artsnb**'s staff and board of directors. The LGA committee met earlier this year to start charting a fresh new course for future awards. As a first step, the committee recommended that the cash amount for the awards remain at \$20,000 each and that the LGA be presented every second year.

The committee also recommended that the *Lieutenant-Governor's Awards* be presented to the three laureates selected by a jury of peers last year in Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Literary Arts. These new laureates will be honoured at a gala to be held at Government House in early November 2019, presided over by Lt-Gov Roy Vienneau.

"I remain committed to the long-standing tradition of recognizing artistic excellence in New Brunswick," said Roy Vienneau. "I am so pleased **artsnb** has seen fit to continue with these significant awards."

Following this fall's ceremony, the next round of awards will take place in 2021, giving the LGA committee the time needed to rejuvenate the awards and to plan activities surrounding their promotion and celebration. The names of the selected laureates to be honoured in November will not be revealed until a few weeks prior.

**artsnb** would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the careful work that the peer jury did last year to select the laureates, as well as the ongoing work of the LGA committee.

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