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artsnb announces the laureates of the 2021 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts

Fredericton, October 12, 2021 – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is proud to announce the laureates of the 2021 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts. These awards recognize and celebrate the achievements and the contribution of New Brunswick artists in visual arts, literary arts, and performing arts.



MATHIEU LÉGER

2021 Lieutenant Governor's Award for High Achievement in Visual Arts

Serial artist-in-residence, Mathieu Léger has participated in more than 70 artists' residencies. Scouring time, place, and space, his projects are delivered through performance, textworks, photography, and video/sound installations. Mathieu is currently developing long-term projects that investigate the physicality of spatial awareness through performance, sound, and image. Mathieu shares his time between far away places and Moncton, NB.



DANIEL H. DUGAS

2021 Lieutenant Governor's Award for High Achievement in French Language Literary Arts

Daniel H. Dugas is a poet and an interdisciplinary artist. His multifaceted work explores writing, videography, and interactivity. Ecology, technology, and the shifting boundaries of life, are themes often addressed in his work. His collection, *The Spirit of the Time / L'esprit du temps*, won the 2016 Antonine-Maillet-Acadie Vie Award as well as the 2018 Éloïse in Literature. Daniel lives and works in Moncton, NB.



SANDRA LE COUTEUR

2021 Lieutenant Governor's Award for High Achievement in Performing Arts

Sandra Le Couteur is a singer from Miscou Island. With four albums to her credit, she is a sensation among music journalists and columnists. Her Acadian voice has been heard internationally. Sandra has been featured in films and television shows, and more recently, she has released her first collection of poetry titled *Au clair de mon île* [In the Light of my Island]. In 2017, she received the commemorative medal of the 150th anniversary of the Canadian Senate. Sandra lives and works in Lamèque, NB.

Alain Boisvert, Chair of artsnb stated, "On behalf of the artsnb Board of Directors, I tip my hat and offer my most sincere congratulations to this year's Lieutenant Governor's Awards laureates. Their contribution to the artistic and cultural landscape of New Brunswick, and their influence beyond our borders, make them exceptional ambassadors for this province. May this recognition be a source of motivation and inspiration for them and for all artists in New Brunswick to pursue with determination an artistic path that is out of the ordinary!"

The Awards will be presented to the laureates by the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick at a gala held at the Lieutenant-Governor's residence on November 15, 2021, if the regulations concerning COVID-19 allow.

More about the Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts

The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts are designed to recognize the outstanding contribution of New Brunswick artists. One award of \$20,000 is conferred every two years in each of the following three categories: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Literary Arts. To learn more about the awards and past laureates, visit our [website](#).

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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.

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