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2021 Lieutenant-Governor's Awards Gala for High Achievement in the Arts

(Fredericton, May 11, 2022) The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) was pleased to hold a gala to celebrate the laureates of the 2021 Lieutenant-Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts. The much-anticipated biennial event, initially scheduled to take place in November 2021, was hosted last night by Her Honour Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, at Government House, in Fredericton.

The three 2021 laureates are: Sandra Le Couteur, for High Achievement in Performing Arts, Mathieu Léger, for High Achievement in Visual Arts, and Daniel H. Dugas for High Achievement in French Literary Arts. More information on the laureates can be found on our [website](#).

Victoria Hutt, artsnb Chair, comments: *"Last night's gala was truly a memorable event! The Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts are an opportunity to celebrate our established New Brunswick artists, in performance, literary and visual arts. We are so pleased to have been able to celebrate the 2021 laureates together in person at long last! The lives, accomplishments, and art practices of Sandra Le Couteur, Mathieu Léger and Daniel H. Dugas are inspiring to all New Brunswickers and continue to enrich the cultural fabric of our province. We are grateful to the Honourable Brenda Murphy and the staff of the Lieutenant-Governor office for being our host of the awards ceremony at their beautiful heritage venue, and for the ongoing work that they do to celebrate the arts and culture of New Brunswick."*



From left to right: Mathieu Léger, Daniel H. Dugas, Her Honour Brenda Murphy and Sandra Le Couteur. Photo Credit: Matthew Brown.



The next gala for the Lieutenant-Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts will be held in 2023.

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 artists to the arts in New Brunswick; to recognize and reward artists who have distinguished themselves by the excellence of their achievements and their contribution to the literary arts, performing arts (dance, music, and theatre), and visual arts (architecture, craft, media arts, and photography); and to establish standards of artistic excellence for New Brunswick residents. Awards of \$20,000 are presented once every two years. Funding is provided by the Arts Development Trust Fund and the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture.

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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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