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RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AND GRANTS AWARDED

June 29, 2020 (Fredericton) – Thanks to the \$500,000 increase in funding announced by the New Brunswick government earlier this year, the number of grants and total dollar amount awarded in the latest Creation and Documentation competition by the New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) has far exceeded all-time figures. Furthermore, increased efforts in promoting the grant programs during the COVID crisis contributed to doubling the previous record for the number of applications submitted to the Creation program (226 vs. 113). Details are provided below.

The board and staff of **artsnb** wish to thank the Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture for their collaboration in helping secure the large increase in grant funding through the Arts Development Trust Fund for the benefit of the professional artists of New Brunswick.

Grants Awarded for April 1, 2020 Competitions – Creation and Documentation Programs

Grants totalling **\$458,498** were awarded by juries of professional artists to the following artists to support their creation projects and to help the documentation of art production in New Brunswick.

Creation Grants - A Category

For senior artists who have achieved a superior level of accomplishment and who have made a nationally or internationally recognized contribution to their discipline or to the arts in general.

Recipients:

Jean Babineau	Grand-Barachois	Literary Arts	\$10,000
Alanna Baird	St. Andrews	Visual Arts	\$15,000
Marc-André Charron	Moncton	Theatre	\$12,000
André Cormier	Moncton	Music	\$12,000
Mario Doucette	Moncton	Visual Arts	\$15,000
Martin Kutnowski	Fredericton	Music	\$7,900
Mathieu Léger	Moncton	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$15,000
Christian Michaud	Edmundston	Visual Arts	\$9,000
Jean-Pierre Morin	Moncton	Media Arts	\$10,000
Maja Padrov	Gagetown	Craft	\$12,000
Camilien Roy	Tetagouche-Sud	Literary Arts	\$10,000
Marcel-Romain Thériault	Dieppe	Theatre	\$6,000
Colleen Wagner	Village of Gagetown	Theatre	\$11,900
Janice Wright Cheney	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$15,000

Total awarded: \$160,800

<i>Applications Submitted</i>	<i>Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Success Rate</i>
35	14	40.0%

1 out of 14 awardees (7.1 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.



Creation Grants - B Category

For mid-career artists who have been practicing professionally in their discipline for a sustained period of time and are able to demonstrate their recognized contribution to the arts regionally or nationally.

Recipients:

Amy Ash	Saint John	Visual Arts	\$10,000
Erin Bardua	Sackville	Music	\$7,900
Yalda Bozorg	Campbellton	Visual Arts	\$10,000
Serge Brideau	Tracadie	Music	\$9,500
Heather Browne	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$6,000
Tanya Busse	Moncton	Visual Arts	\$10,000
Todd Fraser	Sackville	Media Arts	\$10,000
Ryan Griffith	Fredericton	Theatre	\$7,900
Amber Harper McMillan	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$7,000
I- Chun Jenkins	Rusagonis	Craft	\$6,000
Lisa Jodoin	Fredericton	Media Arts	\$10,000
Adriana Kuiper	Sackville	Visual Arts	\$10,000
Yves Landry	Moncton	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$10,000
Andrew Miller	Saint John	Music	\$7,500
Andrea Mortson	Sackville	Visual Arts	\$10,000
Bianca Richard	Notre-Dame	Media Arts	\$10,000
Jane Tims	Rusagonis	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Laura Watson	Sackville	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$10,000
Dariush Zarbafian	Moncton	Music	\$8,000

Total awarded: \$164,800

<u>Applications Submitted</u>	<u>Grants Awarded</u>	<u>Success Rate</u>
95	19	20.0%

3 out of 19 awardees (15.8 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

Creation Grants – C Category

For emerging artists who are striving to achieve a professional level in their discipline and who can demonstrate their commitment to the development of specialized skills or knowledge in their discipline as well as their commitment to the achievement of a professional level in their discipline through training, mentorship or peer recognition, and who are producing a growing repertoire or body of work.

Recipients:

Kaitlyn Adair	Fredericton	Media Arts	\$5,000
Kara Au	Saint John	Literary Arts	\$3,000
Renata Britez	Fredericton	Craft	\$3,000
Sherry Coffey	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$4,500
Kaeli Cook	Sackville	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Marika Drolet-Ferguson	Tracadie-Sheila	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Nick Elliott	Colpitts Settlement	Music	\$4,600
Andrii Gaidash	Moncton	Craft	\$3,000
Kayla Geitzler	Moncton	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Ty Giffin	Fredericton	Media Arts	\$5,000
Jenny Godin	Saint John	Multidisciplinary Arts	\$5,000
Michel Goguen	Dieppe	Music	\$1,500
Zachary Greer	Fredericton	Music	\$3,300
Maria Guevara	New Maryland	Craft	\$3,000
Matthew Gwathmey	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$4,000
Laura Lamey	Grand Barachois	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Jalianne Li	Moncton	Dance	\$5,000
Rachel Anne MacGillivray	Scotch Settlement	Craft	\$3,000
Thandiwe McCarthy	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Vanessa Moeller	Moncton	Literary Arts	\$4,000
Alana Morouney	Sackville	Visual Arts	\$4,198
Mélanie Parent	Campbellton	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Alison Willms	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$5,000

Total awarded: \$96,098

<u>Applications Submitted</u>	<u>Grants Awarded</u>	<u>Success Rate</u>
81	23	28.4%

9 out of 23 awardees (39.1 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

Documentation Grants

For professional New Brunswick artists and arts professionals for the research, development and execution of original documentation of arts activities, arts products or art history; preference is given to projects addressing New Brunswick art or artists.

Recipients:

Jared Betts	Moncton	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Charlie Gaffney	Fredericton	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Dusty Green	Fredericton	Literary Arts	\$5,000
Emma Hassencahl-Perley	Tobique First Nation	Visual Arts	\$4,400
André Lapointe	Dieppe	Visual Arts	\$4,400
Christiana Myers	Saint John	Visual Arts	\$3,000
Claude Roussel	Cap-Pelé	Visual Arts	\$5,000
Kate Wallace	Rothsay	Literary Arts	\$5,000

Total awarded: \$36,800

<i>Applications Submitted</i>	<i>Grants Awarded</i>	<i>Success Rate</i>
22	8	36.8%

4 out of 8 awardees (50.0 %) had never previously received a grant from artsnb.

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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.