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New Indigenous Artist Award to be part of the prestigious Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts

Fredericton, February 22, 2023 – The New Brunswick Arts Board (**artsnb**) is pleased to announce the creation of a fourth Lieutenant Governor's Award for High Achievement in the Arts: The Indigenous Artist Award.

Starting in 2024, the New Brunswick Arts Board will add a fourth award created specifically to celebrate the achievements of an Indigenous artist working in New Brunswick. Working closely with Indigenous partners, including a Circle of Elders, **artsnb** continually strives to better support the growth of Indigenous artists' practices in New Brunswick through a variety of programs, projects, and structures. The creation of this fourth award echoes the goals of [artsnb's 2022-2027 Strategic Plan](#).

"To honour an outstanding Indigenous artist with a Lieutenant Governor's award is an honour in itself and is a first in history. This award will build pride and motivate our First Nations people to greater heights of recognition and inclusion!", shares Hubert Francis, member of the **artsnb** board and Circle of Elders.

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. These awards recognize and reward artists who have distinguished themselves by the excellence of their achievements in visual arts, literary arts, and performing arts. Awards of \$20,000 are conferred once every two years. Funding for the Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts will be provided by the Arts Development Trust Fund, the Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture, and sponsors.

The nomination period for the 2024 Lieutenant Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts is currently open. Nominations are accepted in four (4) categories: Visual Arts Award, Literary Arts Award, Performing Arts Award, and Indigenous Artist Award. For more information and to nominate an artist, please visit our [Website](#).

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.

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