



THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF ALBERTA ARTS AWARDS

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Lac La Biche County selected as host of the 2021 Distinguished Artist Awards

Edmonton... The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation (the Foundation) is pleased to announce Lac La Biche County as the 2021 Distinguished Artist Awards host community. Lac La Biche County, in partnership with Portage College, is proud to showcase their beautiful community, rich heritage and cultural assets in June 2021. The awards are Alberta's most prestigious recognition of outstanding achievement in the arts.

"By hosting the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Distinguished Artist Awards, we aim to showcase our community's long history, vibrant multiethnic quilt, tourism opportunities and the legacy of arts in the Lakeland Region. At the same time, we're raising awareness of the many gifted artists throughout the province," says Omer Moghrabi, Mayor of Lac La Biche County.

The 2021 celebrations will connect the themes of cultural diversity and the arts, as influenced by the region's landscapes and watersheds. Lac La Biche County will be the ninth Albertan community to host the awards since their inception in 2003.

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About the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards

The Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Awards Foundation is a charitable organization that celebrates Alberta's rich cultural fabric by honouring its most accomplished artists and supporting professional artists in the early stages of their careers. It offers up to three Distinguished Artist Awards of \$30,000 each in odd years and up to 10 Emerging Artist Awards of \$10,000 each in even years. Since its inception, 20 Distinguished Artists and 53 Emerging Artists have been recognized with a Lieutenant Governor of Alberta Arts Award.