

Call for Nominations for 2009

Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Arts Award

The Nova Scotia Masterworks Awards Foundation is pleased to call for nominations for the fourth Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Arts Award. As before, the award is unique in acknowledging a work of art, not a particular artist or body of work. To be eligible, nominations must be postmarked on or before June 30, 2009. All works of art or performances of art with a strong connection to Nova Scotia, having their first public presentation no more than five years prior to the above closing date, are eligible.

Ronald Bourgeois, Chair of the Nova Scotia Masterworks Awards Foundation, noted that “this is a significant prize. Last year, in addition to the \$25,000 awarded to the winner, each of the other four works short-listed by the jury received \$1500”. At the 2008 presentation, jury chair Sue Gibson Garvey emphasized the multidisciplinary nature of the award and the diligence of the jury in selecting a winner. She went on to say “Masterworks must be of outstanding quality and artistic maturity; they must exhibit originality and push or extend the boundaries of their particular medium, discipline or genre; and they must have a significant impact in terms of public perception locally, nationally and/or internationally, and of the critical response of their peers.”

Her Honour the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, ONS, DHumL, expressed pleasure at the announcement calling for nominations and continued acknowledgement of artistic excellence: “The Lieutenant Governor's Masterworks Arts Award seeks to support, in a significant way, a major work with a strong connection to Nova Scotia. I am delighted that the award will be presented again this year.”

The nomination form for the 2009 prize, complete with detailed guidelines on criteria and other helpful information, is available from the website at www.nsmasterworks.ca <<http://www.nsmasterworks.ca/>> .

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