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**Subject:** Nominations are open – 2016 Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts | Ouverture des candidatures – Prix de la première ministre pour l'excellence artistique 2016

Dear CAO, Clerk or Treasurer:

I am writing to announce that nominations are open for the 2016 [Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts](#) and to encourage you to share this information in your municipality.

The Premier's Awards recognize artists and arts organizations for their outstanding achievements and contributions that breathe life into our communities, help drive innovation and strengthen local economies.

Finalists are selected by an [Ontario Arts Council](#) (OAC) jury from nominations submitted by Ontarians. These awards are a way for us as audiences, fans and followers of their great work to applaud these innovators, creators, producers and performers, whose talent and passion enrich our lives and help our communities become stronger and more vibrant.

Each year, two awards are presented: an artist award of \$35,000 and an arts organization award of \$50,000. Individuals and arts organizations engaged in any professional arts practice in Ontario whose artistic work or service spans a minimum of 10 years are eligible.

The 2015 laureates were announced at an awards ceremony at the Royal Ontario Museum on October 20 in Toronto.

Program details and nomination forms are available on OAC's [website](#). The OAC manages the nomination and adjudication process on behalf of the Ontario government. The nomination deadline is December 1, 2015.

Thank you for helping Ontario celebrate artists and arts organizations who share their talents with us and improve our communities.

Sincerely,

Drew Fagan  
Deputy Minister

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