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Nominations Open for Commissioner's Arts Award

Iqaluit, Nunavut (February 14, 2024) – The Honourable Eva Aariak, Commissioner of Nunavut today announced the opening of nominations for the 2023 Nunavut Commissioner's Arts Award to honour outstanding artists in Nunavut.

"The Nunavut Commissioner's Arts Award gives me the opportunity to recognize Nunavut artists who have supported our economy through their art and brought world-wide recognition of our unique history, language and culture," said Commissioner Aariak. "It is a privilege to recognize Inuit artistic expression, honouring artists who release their vision and world-view through their art. Our artistic ability is revealed in the original tools, clothing and implements for daily living that we have developed."

The award, a cash prize of \$10,000, is presented annually to an established Nunavut artist who has made a significant contribution to the arts during a lengthy career. The artist may have distinguished themselves in visual arts of all forms, performing arts or literature.

All nominations will be reviewed by a selection committee who will make recommendations to the Commissioner of Nunavut. Members of the selection committee will be chosen from the arts sectors in Nunavut based on their recognized expertise and experience in the areas of arts and culture.

Candidates for the award will be judged on their contributions to the arts, quality and impact of their work and their efforts to mentor emerging artists. Individuals may only receive the award once.

Artists wishing more information on the award should contact the Office of the Commissioner of Nunavut.

The deadline for nominations is April 21, 2024.

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