



**GOVERNOR GENERAL'S
PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS FOUNDATION
FONDATION DES PRIX DU GOUVERNEUR GÉNÉRAL
POUR LES ARTS DU SPECTACLE**

**CANADA, IT'S TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR FAVOURITE PERFORMING ARTISTS!
NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2016 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Deadline for Nominations is September 18, 2015

OTTAWA, September 9, 2015 – Canadians are encouraged to nominate their favourite Canadian performing artists for the prestigious Governor General's Performing Arts Awards (GGPAA). The foremost distinction for excellence in performing arts, these awards recognize Canada's best artists and arts volunteers whose accomplishments have inspired and enriched the culture of our country or shone a spotlight on Canadian talent abroad.

Nominations for these awards—presented for lifetime artistic achievement in the fields of broadcasting, classical music, dance, film, popular music and theatre and for voluntarism in the performing arts—are now open to the public and can be made online until **September 18, 2015** at ggpaa.ca/nominate.

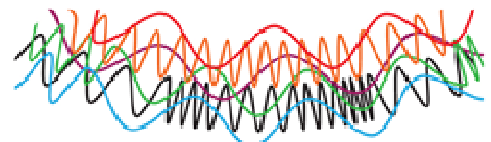
Commenting on the awards, Walter Boudreau, a 2015 recipient stated:

As a composer, conductor and creative director, I have been devoted to contemporary music for my entire professional career—almost 50 years now. I will always stand by this profound conviction that creating music is, like every other artistic discipline, an authentic reflection of our community, country and current reality. This “official” recognition for my work is far from being the end of my journey. In fact, it fills me with the hope, courage and passion that I need to take on new challenges that will certainly fill me with more enthusiasm than ever before!

After September 18, all nominations will be reviewed by a jury of experts in each discipline who will recommend the top candidates to the GGPAA Board of Directors. The Board makes the final selection of recipients in November and a public announcement will be made in April 2016.

To get involved and submit a nomination, visit ggpaa.ca/nominate.

For a complete list of past GGPAA recipients, visit ggpaa.ca/recipients. You can also download the free enhanced media ebook “*The Performing Arts in Canada: A Celebration – the Governor General's Performing Arts Awards*,” an interactive celebration of 23 years of The Governor General's Performing Arts Awards available at itunes.com/ggpaa.



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