



UPPER CLEMENTS
SUMMER
ARTS
— FESTIVAL —

CELEBRATE ART • SUPPORT ARTISTS • STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY



EXHIBITION
AWARDS &
ARTIST
RECOGNITION



*Honouring creativity.
Recognizing excellence.
Building community.*



Upper Clements Summer Arts Festival

Exhibition Awards & Artist Recognition

The **Upper Clements Summer Arts Festival** is intended to promote community engagement in the arts and to celebrate and support artists. Whether you have recently begun your journey in creating original works of art, are well on your way to establishing yourself as an artist, or are already working as a professional and recognized artist, we hope you will join us and share your creations.

Artists working in all mediums are encouraged to participate.

Art appreciation is certainly an individual and highly subjective experience. What people are drawn to varies greatly, and that diversity in taste and style is what makes the world of art so exciting and unpredictable.

To recognize both community appreciation and artistic achievement, the Festival will feature two distinct forms of recognition:

the People's Choice Award & the Juried Critics' Choice Award.

People's Choice Award



The People's Choice Award invites the community to become actively involved in the exhibition experience. Every visitor attending the exhibition will receive a ballot and be invited to select **the three works of art that resonate most strongly** with them. In doing so, visitors are encouraged to reflect on what they are drawn to and consider why.

At the conclusion of the Festival, all ballots will be tallied and the artists receiving the greatest support from the public will be recognized with a People's Choice Award.

This award celebrates the connection between artists and the community and recognizes those works that captured the imagination, appreciation, and admiration of Festival visitors.

Juried Critics' Choice Award

For artists seeking professional recognition and the opportunity to participate in a juried exhibition, the Upper Clements Summer Arts Festival is pleased to offer a **Juried Critics' Choice Award**.

We recognize that opportunities to participate in juried exhibitions can be limited, particularly in rural Nova Scotia. For many emerging and developing artists, inclusion in a juried exhibition can be a meaningful professional milestone and an important step in their artistic journey.

The Festival's jury panel has been assembled by Festival President Tim Wall, a former commercial art gallery owner and art dealer with many years of experience working with artists, collectors, exhibitions, and the public. Drawing on that experience, he has assembled an independent panel of individuals with diverse but related backgrounds and perspectives related to the arts.

Following the submission **deadline of July 10**, the jury will review all submitted entries and identify those works they believe demonstrate a strong level of artistic merit. Artists whose work is selected will receive a **Juried Critics' Choice Recognition Certificate**, acknowledging that their work has been chosen for inclusion in the juried portion of the exhibition.

The number of works selected for juried consideration will be determined by the panel and may vary depending on the number, quality, and diversity of submissions received. In making their selections, jurors may consider factors such as:

- Technical Skill
- Composition
- Originality
- Visual Impact
- Presentation

To ensure fairness and avoid influencing public voting, **artists selected for juried consideration will not be notified until People's Choice voting has concluded**. Selection for the Juried Critics' Choice portion of the exhibition does not guarantee receipt of a Critics' Choice Award.

From among the selected works, the jury will then identify the recipients of the **Juried Critics' Choice Award**.

What Does “Juried” Mean?

A juried exhibition is one in which artwork is reviewed and evaluated by an independent panel using established criteria.

Many artists seek opportunities to participate in juried exhibitions because they provide external recognition of artistic merit and can become an important part of an artist’s exhibition history and professional portfolio.

The Upper Clements Summer Arts Festival through the UCCDA is proud to provide this opportunity within a rural community setting and to make juried exhibition participation more accessible to local and regional artists.

Award Categories

Depending on the number of submissions received and the diversity of artistic mediums represented, the Festival reserves the right to establish additional categories or distinctions within either award stream.

A Final Word

Art is about self-expression and allowing the world a glimpse into our own more private world. We do not create art solely for recognition, but to tell a story, to explore ideas, to bring joy to ourselves and others, and to create something that is uniquely our own.

For that reason, we would like to thank every artist who is willing to share their work—and a piece of themselves—with our community.

Creating art takes courage. We are grateful to all of our participating artists for helping make the Upper Clements Summer Arts Festival possible.

Thank you, and welcome to the Festival!

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