

□ **Words of Thanks**

Two years ago, Arts Council Directors Gerry de Jong and Ian Hodkinson discussed an idea for an Arts Awards for Excellence and asked if I would become involved. It has been my pleasure to act as Chair for this inaugural year – one that has been tremendous in rewards and challenges, in part due to the incredibly diverse and outstanding talent we are so fortunate to have in the Kingston.

I would like to acknowledge a few of the many individuals who have supported the Awards project along the way – providing their time, energy, enthusiasm, insights and expertise. Sincerest thanks to the Steering Committee, Arts Council's Board of Directors, jury panels, friends and colleagues. It is an ongoing privilege to work with you.

And to all who put forth nominations, prepared letters of reference and compiled information for the awards selection – your time and effort is recognized and greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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