

**BC Museums Association's "MUSEUMS IN MOTION AWARDS" NOMINATION FORM**

**Supporting Materials:** All nominations should be accompanied by supporting material. Remember that the Awards Committee members **NEED AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE** in order to make informed decisions.

**Award of Merit and Corporate Service Award** nominations must include a covering letter outlining outstanding, innovative or creative achievement(s); and should append visual and/or written examples of the body of work; materials, or statements expressing the impact on, and benefits to the community served; participant numbers, media attention, active links to online examples and testimonials in support of the nominee's achievement(s).

**Distinguished Service Award** nominations must be accompanied by a covering letter with three current references and contact details. This letters must indicate the nature and extent of the nominee's involvement and contributions to the museum, art gallery, archives, or heritage community in BC.

*I wish to nominate the following individual or agency for the Award indicated:*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

**Award of Merit**

The Award of Merit may be given to an individual, institution or agency for a recent outstanding, innovative, or creative achievement in the museum, art gallery, archives or heritage field in British Columbia. This award may also be given to individuals, institutions or agencies not directly involved in the above fields, but who have made significant contributions to them.

**Distinguished Service Award**

The Distinguished Service Award may be given to an individual who has made a unique and substantial contribution on a provincial basis to the museum, art gallery, archives, or heritage field. Such contributions must have been made over an extended period.

**Corporate Service Award**

The Corporate Service Award may be given to a business corporation that has, over an extended period, been innovative in its support and contributions, by donating money, services or personnel to the museum, art gallery, archives, or heritage fields.

**PLEASE LIST** the supporting material(s) enclosed: (Materials could include newspaper articles, published material, photographs, newsletters, a web site address, etc.)

**Please send 5 copies of this Nomination.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

In the event that this nomination is successful, please list media phone and fax numbers and/or e-mail addresses to receive an official press release. **If media contact information is missing, no press releases will be sent.** (Please **attach** additional page(s) if required):

Newspaper(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Radio: \_\_\_\_\_

TV Station(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Postmarked or received by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 30, 2009**

Presentation will be made at the Awards Banquet at BCMA's Provincial Workshop 2009 in Osoyoos, BC on Friday, October 16, 2009.

# BCMA's "Museums in Motion Awards" Program - 2009

*Greetings!*

Here is the revised Nomination Form for the BCMA's 2009 "Museums in Motion Awards" Program.

Please take this important opportunity to nominate colleagues, organizations, volunteers, or sponsors deserving recognition for their efforts, contributions, or dedication to your institution and the province's museums, art galleries and heritage community.

BCMA's exclusive and prestigious *Museums in Motion Award* recognizes three categories of service: the Distinguished Service Award; the Corporate Service Award; and up to three Awards of Merit. To reflect and honour the diverse achievements of our sector, nominators are encouraged to also promote projects or initiatives that incorporate "green" concepts, or recognize extraordinary and longstanding acts of philanthropy, management or volunteerism, in addition to special projects and exhibits.

The Awards Committee understands the time constraints of our profession. This year, we have simplified the nomination process, replacing the former letters of reference with three current references who will be interviewed by Awards Committee members. However we still must make every effort to recognize and thank our contributors and supporters on the provincial stage. The benefits our institutions and communities reap from the support of others far surpass the challenges of making the time to nominate and show our appreciation. Please do not miss this chance to ensure that your supporter's contributions do not go unrecognized.

*Kris Andersen*

Director, Awards & Bursaries Portfolio (2008-09)

## **Eligibility & Criteria**

### **Eligibility of Nominees**

The work being recognized by an Award may have been done as volunteer service or undertaken for remuneration. Nominees need not be members of the British Columbia Museums Association, ("BCMA").

### **Nominators**

Nominators need not be members of the BCMA. If the Nominator is not a member, a brief letter of support from a BCMA member in good standing should accompany the nomination.

If the Nominator is associated with the Nominee, as a co-worker, employee, contractor, or volunteer; *OR* Nominators who nominate themselves or their Institutions for the Award of Merit Category, must include with their nomination, a letter of support from a BCMA member in good standing who is not associated with the nominee.

Awards Committee members may also put forward nominations in accordance with these guidelines, in an effort to ensure that no deserving recipient is overlooked.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

To make effective and consistent evaluations, the following general criteria will apply in evaluating Nominees for all three Award categories:

**Contribution:** Nominees must have played a significant role in the collection, preservation or presentation of British Columbia's heritage and/or culture;

**Resources:** The qualifications or worthiness of a Nominee will NOT be determined in any way by factors such as the size of a facility, institution, or agency, the number of employees or volunteers, budget, or the cost of a project or

program. Evaluation will not be based upon a comparison of the resources of other possible Nominees, but on the relative accomplishment that may normally be expected of the resources available to the Nominee being considered.

**Quality of Achievement:** Recognizing the Awards Program objective of encouraging excellence in the museums, art galleries and heritage fields, consideration should be given not only to what the Nominee has accomplished, but also to the excellence of the work relative to similar culture and heritage resource accomplishments and programs.

**Accomplishment:** Nominees will be evaluated on an actual achievement, not on an untried idea, concept or proposal.

### **"Museums in Motion Awards"**

Successful nominees will be announced at the Awards Banquet at BCMA's annual Conference and will be presented with the prestigious *Museums in Motion* bronze sculpture by world-renowned sculptor, Geert Maas of Kelowna, BC.

Awards will not necessarily be given on an annual basis. If no Nominee whose achievements meet the established criteria is forthcoming, no Award may be given in that year.

### **Awards Committee**

An independent Awards Committee, comprised of five (5) individuals will be appointed by Council to evaluate nominations for BCMA's Awards & Bursaries Program.

#### **Please Mail or Courier Nominations to:**

**BCMA - Awards Committee**  
c/o BC Museums Association  
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