



Nominations now open for 2018 Manitoba Human Rights Awards

This year on December 10, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, which forms the basis for human rights protections in Canada. Since 2000, the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, Canadian Human Rights Commission and Manitoba Association for Rights and Liberties have hosted the Manitoba Human Rights Awards to recognize the achievements of Manitobans who work tirelessly to protect and advance human rights.

Senator Marilou McPhedran will be in Winnipeg to give the keynote address at a public awards reception on December 10. Information about ticket sales will be posted shortly at www.manitobahumanrights.ca.

As in previous years, the awards committee issued a call to Manitoba artists to create the prestigious Human Rights Commitment Award of Manitoba. Treherne fibre artist Krista Zeghers was selected to create a unique piece to be unveiled as the awards reception. A youth contest to select a candle-lighter for the December 10 will also be launched to engage youth to talk about human rights in the classroom in Manitoba next week.

To nominate a person or group to receive any of the following, submit the application form at <http://www.manitobahumanrights.ca/v1/news-events/human-rights-awards.html> by no later than **November 1, 2018 at midnight**:

- The **Human Rights Commitment Award** honours an individual or group who has worked to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms in Manitoba
- The **Sybil Shack Youth Award** honours an individual or group under the age of 25 that has worked to promote human rights in Canada and abroad
- The **Aaron Berg Award** honours an individual or group involved in the legal profession who has contributed to the advancement of human rights through their work.

This year's recipients will join local human rights defenders like Meet Me at the Bell Tower, Red Rising collective, The Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities, Manitoba Theatre for Young People, Ali Saeed and Jim Derksen all who have previously been honoured for their work.

For interviews, contact hrc@gov.mb.ca or call (204) 945-5815.

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