



2018 Windsor Mayor's Arts Awards Recipients

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST: DR. BRUCE KOTOWICH

Dr. Kotowich is a dedicated musician, professor and mentor known for his work in the performing arts in the City of Windsor and throughout the Region. As the Director of Choirs at the University of Windsor's School of Creative Arts, "Dr. K" is described as having "infected all of his choirs with his energy, enthusiasm and 'can do' spirit." He has worked to improve technique and confidence for student singers, and the adults and seniors who work with the WSO Chorus and the Windsor Classic Chorale. He is known to music educators and regularly visits high schools to help students prepare for competitions and to provide workshop support to those preparing for musical theatre performances. In early 2018, Dr. K took members of all four of his Windsor choirs to Carnegie Hall in New York City to be part of a massed choir concert that he himself was conducting. In the words of his nominator, "Bruce enthusiastically and effectively is making a very positive impact on our students and the community. For these reasons and more, we encourage you to recognize his contributions."

ARTS ORGANIZATION - THE ARTS COUNCIL WINDSOR & REGION

The Arts Council Windsor & Region (ACWR) is a non-profit, members based organization that serves all disciplines of individual artists, arts organizations and non-arts partners in promoting, developing and realizing creative activity in our community. They provide Windsor and the surrounding area with valuable services through their ArtSpeak Gallery, Art.Work program, individual grant consultations, in-office resource library, and through distribution of a weekly comprehensive arts, culture and heritage newsletter with 1000-plus subscribers. Accomplishments in the last two years alone have included projects providing exhibition space, self-directed arts residencies, a film series of Indigenous film from across Canada, and programming with the Vanguard Youth Arts Collective - the youth council within the ACWR. In the words of its nominator, "ACWR serves as a hub, making connections and advocating for our creative community in Windsor and Essex."

ARTS VOLUNTEER - PETER WASYLYK

As a member of the Art Gallery of Windsor Board of Trustees since 2005, Peter completed 13 years of dedicated service as a volunteer in March of 2018. This tenure makes him the longest standing trustee for the AGW in recent memory. With an extraordinary and commendable time commitment of more than 2,172 hours of unpaid volunteer service, he also served as a member of the AGW Executive for 10 years. In the words of his nominator, "Peter has contributed nearly over 270 working days of volunteerism to the AGW, almost, that is, a full year of volunteer labour. He has also been a family donor, supporting the gallery's annual fundraising by making personal contributions. He has championed adherence to the Gallery's by-laws throughout and best practices in accounting such that our organization is efficient and professional."