



Christopher Newton Award for Arts and Culture

Arts, culture, and heritage has helped forge the identity of Niagara-on-the-Lake and made it a standard in Canada to strive for by preserving and strengthening a sense of place and history. A community can often be defined when connected with arts, culture and heritage while promoting creativity, inward contemplation, and societal advancement. This award is dedicated after Christopher Newton, renowned artist, director, and the Artistic Director of the Shaw Festival from 1979 to 2002. He re-imagined what the Shaw Festival could be in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the larger performance arts community in Canada. Mr. Newton's passion for the Shaw Festival stands as a model to be emulated by all those in our community today.

The arts, culture and heritage play a vital role in the economic life of Niagara-on-the-Lake. This award recognizes a significant accomplishment and/or contribution to the promotion, celebration and preservation of local performing arts, local visual arts, local heritage, or heritage institutions. Recipients may include, but are not limited to, organizers of specific events or festivals, non-profit organizations, or groups, for profit businesses, philanthropists, volunteers, advocates, and all artists and creators.

Eligibility: Open to all

Criteria: Nominations should identify both the nominee's specific contribution to, and impact on, the local arts, culture, and heritage of Niagara-on the-Lake.