

The City
of Edmonton

64th
Annual

Salute to
EXCELLENCE

Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony



Monday, June 15, 2015
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Edmonton



Message from Premier Rachel Notley



On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I'm delighted to welcome you to the 2015 Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The community leaders we celebrate today enrich the quality of life for all Albertans.

Each inductee has nurtured, encouraged, and strengthened our community by demonstrating a commitment to compassion, leadership, personal discipline and teamwork. They are exemplary role models and active citizens who play a key role in our society and help make Alberta an exceptional province.

Congratulations to all the inductees, and thank you for your commitment to making Alberta's communities vibrant, diverse and welcoming places to live, work and raise families!

Rachel Notley

A stylized, handwritten signature of Rachel Notley in black ink.

Premier of Alberta



Message from His Worship Mayor Don Iveson



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I welcome everyone to the 2015 Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

This annual ceremony continues the rich tradition of celebrating outstanding citizens for their achievements in the areas of arts and culture, community service and sports. The inductees recognized this evening have helped shape our city through their leadership, innovative spirit and contributions to improving our quality of life.

I congratulate and thank those recognized this evening for your service to Edmonton. We will continue to look to your passion and vision as we build our growing city.

It takes a tremendous amount of work to organize an event of this scope, and I applaud the Salute to Excellence Council for coordinating these awards. Your efforts enrich our cultural fabric, elevate our civic pride and strengthen our reputation as a diverse and vibrant city.

Yours truly,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Don Iveson in black ink.

Don Iveson
Mayor

Message from the Chair

Salute to Excellence Council



On behalf of the Salute to Excellence Council, I wish to extend congratulations to the extraordinary people chosen to be inducted into the City of Edmonton's Hall of Fame tonight!

Your talent, service and work, dedication, passion, and leadership have created a wonderful city in which to live. You have inspired many to do more in and for our city, and you stand as role models in arts and culture, community service and sports. Edmonton is a great place to live, work, play and interact with family and friends because of you and people like you.

I would like to thank Mayor Iveson, City Councillors, and the City of Edmonton for supporting the Salute to Excellence program. I would also like to recognize the hardworking Salute to Excellence Council and its Committee members, whose time and dedication make the program and this event a success.

Please consider nominating someone whose lifetime achievements have brought honour and distinction to Edmonton. Nomination forms and detailed information can be found at www.edmonton.ca/salute.

Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai

2014/2015 Council Chair

City of Edmonton

Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Program

Master of Ceremonies

Daryl McIntyre

Procession of 2015 Inductees

National Anthem

Edmonton Police Service Chorus

Greetings from the City

His Worship Mayor Don Iveson

Entertainment

Jenie Thai

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Jalal Barzanji

Heather C. Bedford-Clooney

Catherine Crowston

Todd Janes

Entertainment

Firefly Theatre & Circus

Community Service Hall of Fame

Marjorie Bencz, CM

David Majeski

Sandra B. Woitas, B.Ed, M.Ed, LLD (Hon)

Entertainment

6 Minute Warning

Sports Hall of Fame

Howie Draper, BPE, MA

Dianne Greenough

Billy Moores

The University Ringette Team Coaches:

Robert J. Bailey, MD

Paul Hotke, CA

Bonnie L. Peters

John P. Romyn

Closing Remarks

Daryl McIntyre

Closing Entertainment

Dave Babcock and the Salute to Excellence Orchestra

Post-Ceremony Reception

Brett Leibham



Salute to Excellence Medallion



The impressive gold medallion on stage is the visual symbol for the Salute to Excellence Hall of Fame. The medallion made its debut at the 2012 Hall of Fame induction and symbolizes the high level of achievement of each Hall of Fame inductee.

Professor Tim Antoniuk, a respected Edmonton designer and professor at the University of Alberta's Department of Art and Design, was responsible for the design and fabrication of the medallion. He incorporated the distinctive Salute to Excellence logo, designed in 2006 by Jacqui Dobbe, a student of the University of Alberta Department of Art and Design.

The logo includes a stylized pyramid, which represents the distinctive architecture of Edmonton's City Hall. The three marks represent the three areas of excellence recognized in the Hall of Fame – Arts & Culture, Community Service and Sports. These three marks also take the form of a bear claw swipe, the Cree symbol for "good fortune."

The City of Edmonton is fortunate indeed in the excellence of its citizens, but most especially those who are inducted into the Hall of Fame each year. They are Edmonton's pure gold!

Arts & Culture Hall of Fame

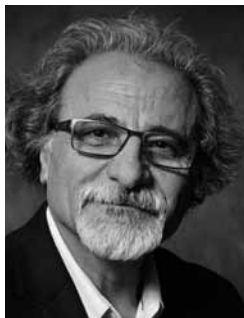
Edmonton's Arts & Culture Hall of Fame was established to honour outstanding individuals and groups whose work in arts and culture has inspired Edmontonians. These inductees include many exceptionally talented and dedicated people who, through their artistic and multicultural achievements, have brought honour and distinction to the city of Edmonton and have made exemplary contributions to its quality of life.

Tonight, we pay homage to those Edmontonians who worked tirelessly to build Edmonton's vibrant arts and cultural community.



Jalal Barzanji

Artist



Since he arrived in Canada as a United Nations sponsored refugee, Jalal Barzanji has become known not only for his extraordinary talents as a poet, essayist and champion of freedom of speech for all writers, but also as a tireless community worker. Born in Kurdistan, Jalal was working as a journalist, poet and cultural worker in northern Iraq when, during the regime of Saddam Hussein, he was imprisoned and tortured for two years for his political beliefs. After fleeing Iraq, he applied for permanent residency in

Canada and arrived in Edmonton with his family in 1998.

During this time of transition, Jalal was and still remains an active writer, reader and presenter. Jalal joined the Edmonton Stroll of Poets in 2001, and the Writers Guild of Alberta and PEN Canada in 2007. That same year, he was named the First International Edmonton-PEN Writer-in-Exile and during his term he worked as a writing coach and mentor from his offices at the Edmonton Public Library and the University of Alberta. During part of the following year, he was Writer-in-Residence at the Berton House in Dawson City. Jalal's literary memoir, *The Man in Blue Pyjamas*, was translated from Kurdish into English and was published by the University of Alberta Press to rave reviews. It received several honours, including the Alberta Book Awards Lois Hole Award for Editorial Excellence. It was also honoured by 'A Year of Reading the World.' The University of Alberta Press recently published *Trying Again to Stop Time*, a translated selection from Jalal's seven Kurdish books of poetry.

Just two years after his arrival, Jalal founded the Canadian Kurdish Friendship Association to help integrate newcomers into the community. He personally worked with youth involved in gangs, mobilized Kurdish seniors to support each other, and mentored many young leaders in Edmonton's Kurdish community. He has also been deeply involved with the Multicultural Health Brokers Cooperative as a community worker/advocate. Jalal is known in Edmonton's multicultural community for his quiet yet powerful visionary leadership.

"When we use our words together, writers are stronger than armies and dictators. When we write, there is no cost in blood or tears. If we defend one another's freedom, we can make the world more peaceful, more beautiful for everyone. That is our purpose as writers. That is why we exist."

Heather C. Bedford-Clooney

Artist/Builder



Gifted voice teacher, choral conductor and music administrator Heather Bedford-Clooney will tell you that perhaps her greatest gift is her seemingly unlimited energy. Her CV confirms that talent plus energy have been a formidable combination in her life.

Heather has been with the Edmonton Columbian Choirs for 38 years, 20 as Artistic Director. She began conducting the Columbian Girls' Choir and now conducts her women's choir, *Chanteuses*, which has twice been a finalist in the Canadian Amateur Choir Competition. In 2012, in partnership with Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, she formed an inner city choir, which she co-conducts. She is Vice President of the Alberta Music Festival Association and the conductor with the Festival Singers in Sherwood Park. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Shean Piano and Strings Competition, the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals, and the Edmonton Kiwanis Music Festival. She is Past President of the Association of Canadian Choral Communities, the Alberta Choral Federation, Music Alberta, and Opera Nuova. She was also musical director of many musicals at Salisbury Composite High School, where she taught for 35 years.

In 2008, Heather received the Alberta Choral Federation Richard Eaton Award for a life time of service to choral music in Alberta.

Among Heather's strengths is her ability to encourage and motivate others. Many of her students and choristers have become conductors, teachers and performers. Heather's willingness to take unpaid gigs that promote the arts/music/choral community cements her reputation as a builder. She made World Music a component of the Edmonton Kiwanis Music Festival in 2014. She was also instrumental in bringing the National Music Festival of Canada to Edmonton for an almost unprecedented two years in a row (2015 and 2016).

"I am always very surprised and honoured when someone asks me to do something, so I say yes. Then I figure out how to fit it in. I realized as a young girl that you never give away without getting back far more in return."

Catherine Crowston

Artist/Builder



The Art Gallery of Alberta (AGA) is both an architectural showpiece and the embodiment of the successful transformation of The Edmonton Art Gallery into a major Canadian cultural institution with international reach. Catherine Crowston, Executive Director and Chief Curator of the AGA, has been at the heart of the organization throughout the process. Catherine is recognized within the arts community and beyond as one of the leading public art gallery and museum directors in Canada, as well as an initiator

of innovative and enlightening exhibition projects and programs.

In a position that is often transitory as curators move on to other opportunities, Catherine has chosen to remain in Edmonton for the past 17 years. She has overseen the Gallery through its transition, including the move from the original building to the interim gallery at Enterprise Square; participated in the planning and development of the new building; and successfully implemented a clear vision for the AGA.

"It's not often one has the opportunity to envision a new facility and expanded program like this, and the transformation of our role in the community. This is what has kept me here."

Catherine oversees the *Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art*, an extraordinarily successful exhibition series organized by the AGA that, every two years, showcases a cross-section of the art being made in the province. Her vision has contributed to the positive perception of the Edmonton arts community elsewhere in the world, and she has brought a broad critical eye and an enthusiasm for what great art was and what it will be.

"We try to represent the diversity of the creative practice of artists living here and from abroad. We are not promoting one idea of what art should be, but presenting the multiplicity of its possibilities."

Todd Janes

Artist/Builder



One name that has been consistent in Edmonton's vibrant arts community over the past 25 years has been Todd Janes. Now in his 19th year as Executive Director of Latitude 53 Contemporary Visual Culture, Alberta's oldest and largest artist-run centre, Todd is known for his enthusiasm, energy, and talent for making things happen.

As curator, writer, performer, or administrator, Todd is an innovator who puts thoughts into actions.

Just one example is the internationally recognized *Visualeyez*, Canada's first and only annual festival of performance art, founded by Todd and now entering its 16th year. The event attracts performance artists from around the world and has put Edmonton on the map for this genre.

Since 2010, Todd has curated hundreds of projects, including the *Incubator* series at Latitude 53, a weekly summer exhibit that features work-in-progress by emerging artists who are taking artistic risks. With Todd's vision, Latitude 53 has initiated many partnerships with schools, ethno-cultural and LGBTQ communities, and social justice sectors. He has championed programming that moves beyond gallery walls into our communities, creating space to engage the breadth of Edmonton's diversity.

Beyond his administrative talents, Todd maintains an active creative practice as artist and advocate. In this capacity, he has represented Edmonton at festivals and galleries in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and St. John's. He has also served as an officer on numerous boards and advisory committees, including the Editorial Board of *Muse* (Canadian Museums Association), the National Association of Artist-Run Centres, the Alberta Association of Artist-Run Centres, the Collective of Canadian Performance Art Curators, and Performance Creation Canada, to name only a few. He has received an Alberta Centennial Medal and a Maclab Award for Excellence in Arts Management.

"I believe people are social and want to connect with each other in meaningful ways. Artists create works to begin a conversation and I am deeply honoured and humbled by the thousands of conversations I have been able to incite and the environments I have helped build for Edmontonians in the past, now and into our future."

Community Service Hall of Fame

*The Community Service Hall of Fame was established to honour
visionary philanthropists and devoted volunteers who make
significant contributions to the community.*

*The inductees of this category have raised awareness, developed
organizations, built new venues, supported causes, and given
countless hours to enhance the quality of life and
sense of community in Edmonton.*

*Tonight, we salute the individuals who have strengthened
the character and caring of our community.*



Marjorie Bencz, CM

Community Builder



Marjorie Bencz started as a volunteer with Edmonton's Food Bank in 1987 and joined the administration shortly thereafter. She was then appointed to the position of Executive Director and the rest is history.

Today, she oversees a food and operating budget of \$20 million, a staff of 34, and more than 50,000 volunteer hours — which supports more than 16,000 people through hamper programs and 410,000 meals and snacks monthly. Additionally, she works with donors

and 214 partner organizations. More than 1,100 food drives and fundraisers are held each year to support the Food Bank.

Marjorie is acknowledged as an outstanding leader in the food banking community across Canada. Her past roles include membership in and Chair of the Board of Directors of Food Banks Canada (formerly the Canadian Association of Food Banks). She is also a founding member and Board member of the Alberta Food Bank Network Association.

One story in particular symbolizes Marjorie's work with Edmonton's Food Bank. In 2006, she was invested into the Order of Canada as being a voice for the poor and working poor in fighting hunger in Canada.

"When I got back to Edmonton, we took the medal around and shared it with our volunteers. One gentleman held it in his hand and said: 'We have an Order of Canada!' I loved his use of the word 'we'. It's true – our work is collaborative and it is about being a team."

Marjorie has received many other distinguished awards over the years for going above and beyond her dedication to the Food Bank and those in need. They include the Queen's Diamond & Gold Jubilee Medals, YWCA Woman of Distinction, Global Television Woman of Vision, and Grant MacEwan College Distinguished Alumni Award.

"I am very fortunate and very spoiled, to be truthful. I have had staff and volunteers with me for a long time. I have a committed Board. Many Edmontonians are engaged and want to make a meaningful contribution to our community. The Food Bank has developed excellent relationships with people and organizations. Many of our supporters we see regularly while other friends we see only once a year. It has been a very special journey."

David Majeski

Community Leader



Dave Majeski admits he finds it hard to say no to good causes. It was a major gain for Edmonton when he arrived in 2004 as RBC's Vice President, Real Estate & Construction Services, continuing a 46-year career with the bank that had posted him in Toronto, Montreal, and Calgary along the way.

Dave had been active in the various communities in which he worked, but never on the scale of his volunteer work in Edmonton. It all started with the Canadian Finals Rodeo.

"I had arrived here after 10 years with RBC in Calgary and didn't know anybody in Edmonton. Then I saw a news story about Calgary wanting the Canadian Finals Rodeo. I decided to get involved to make sure the CFR didn't leave for Calgary. I was a fan of the sport of rodeo, but I was mainly interested in terms of its economic impact on Edmonton, and I was determined they weren't going to take it away from us."

It wasn't long before he was engaged as a volunteer, event organizer, board member, chair, or director with a host of community organizations: the Edmonton Police Foundation, Edmonton Film Fund, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Edmonton Northlands, MacEwan University, United Way, and Miss Rodeo Canada — just to name a few. For the past several years, he has chaired the Gold Medal Plates dinner, an annual sell-out that raises thousands of dollars for Olympic athletes. Dave credits his wife Laura for her supportiveness, who is ever-understanding when Dave hears the call to join yet another volunteer endeavour.

"People here are very gracious and supportive of community and they want to find ways for themselves and others to get involved. What drives me is seeing an opportunity and knowing we can move the needle to make some progress and make an organization more relevant. I want to be engaged and to help them succeed."

Sandra B. Woitas, B.Ed, M.Ed, LLD (Hon)

Community Builder



Sandra Woitas' extensive professional and volunteer work has been dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth receive the best society has to offer. As principal of Norwood School, she engaged businesses and agencies to help feed, clothe and support her inner city students, beginning a network known as *Partners for Kids*. The City Centre Education Project (CCEP), with Sandra as Director, worked with seven inner city schools to ensure students had access to the necessary resources to realize their full potential, both academically and in life. The CCEP was

recognized by *Today's Parent* magazine as one of the Top Forty Schools in Canada. It was also honoured by the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development for its collaborative practices.

From 2004 to 2009, Sandra was seconded to Alberta Education/Children and Youth Services as part of the Family Violence and Anti-Bullying Initiative. She worked with Alberta's parents, communities and schools providing the supports required to reduce bullying. Collaborating with the Alberta Mental Health Board, she assisted 18 school jurisdictions in piloting integrated mental health services for children and youth. In 2009, she returned to Edmonton Public Schools as Executive Director of the Edmonton Public Schools Foundation, raising funds and resources to enhance teaching in early learning and establishing full-day kindergarten classrooms for under-privileged children.

Sandra has been a member of the University of Alberta Senate and currently is an adjunct professor at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Education. She also sits on the Capital Zone Health Advisory Council. She was named one of the 100 Edmontonians of the Century in 2004. In addition to numerous other honours, in 2014 she received the Lions Club International Foundation Citizen of Distinction Award for Dedicated Humanitarian Services and an Honourary Doctor of Laws Degree from the University of Alberta.

"I grew up in a family that volunteered, and I just thought volunteer service is the price we pay for our space on earth. My mantra is simply 'be helpful in the best way you can'. I am a woman of average intelligence who wears sensible shoes. I have a great work ethic and the common sense to surround myself with good, smart people."

Sports Hall of Fame

Beginning in 1951, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Community Leagues, and the Edmonton Sportsman's Fund Inc. hosted an annual Ring Dinner where outstanding athletes were recognized for their achievements. The Ring Dinner later became the Civic Honour Awards, and then Salute to Excellence in the 1990s.

Edmonton's Sports Hall of Fame was created in 1959 and recognizes Edmonton athletes who represent the city with exemplary sportsmanship, skill and dedication. Our builders of sport have given our city a strong foundation on which our athletes develop their skills and abilities. Tonight, we honour these Edmontonians who worked tirelessly to achieve excellence in sports.



Howie Draper, BPE, MA

Sports Builder



He had to think twice before accepting the challenge — but now Howie Draper, Head Coach of the University of Alberta Pandas, is known for building and maintaining the most successful women's hockey team in Canada. Howie had played five seasons with the University of Alberta Golden Bears as he was earning his physical education degree. He got his start coaching in 1990 with the Midget AAA Maple Leaf Athletic Club and also coached in Australia. In 1997, he was asked to head up the new University of Alberta Pandas.

"When Ian Reade asked me to coach them, it was a shock. I pondered it a few days and thought it was a great opportunity to do something I love – work with people – and to do something from the bottom up. The opportunity to develop a program with the potential to be as rewarding for young people as the one I experienced was too good to turn down so I said 'Let's go for it!'"

The Pandas won their first national championship in 2000, just three years after the program was created. Howie has coached the team to seven Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championships — more wins than by any other University of Alberta coach in any sport and more than any other women's hockey team in the history of CIS. Howie has also scored two CIS silver medals, 12 Canada West titles and three CIS Coach of the Year awards. The Pandas didn't lose a regular season game between 2000 and 2005, racking up 86 consecutive wins.

Howie is also a tireless volunteer, and has acted as guest instructor, evaluator, and Head Coach of Team Alberta's U18 program. He was Head Coach of the Canadian Team that won gold at the 2013 Universiade in Trentino, Italy, and coached Team Alberta to gold and bronze on two separate trips to the Canada Winter Games.

"I came out of the Golden Bears Hockey environment where sharing in both the wins and failures was always emphasized. It's a very collaborative model. I'm fortunate enough to have benefitted from great players and assistant coaches who possessed strengths I didn't have. As a group we were able to do some amazing things."

Dianne Greenough

Sports Builder



When Dianne Greenough began teaching at Victoria School in the late 1970s, she expected to be coaching her favourite sports, volleyball and basketball. Instead, noting a need to engage the girls at what was then a rather rough-edged school, she started a dance program. While at a dance competition in Los Angeles, the girls were taken with acrobatic cheerleading. Dianne launched a cheer program at Vic in 1980.

Over the next three decades, Dianne led Vic's cheer teams to win 26 city and 26 provincial titles — and more than 200 championship trophies from Australia, Mexico, Japan, the US and Canada. In 1983, Dianne was instrumental in having cheerleading recognized as a sport by the Alberta Schools' Athletic Association, which inducted her into its Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Dianne is now in her 20th season as head coach of the Edmonton Eskimos Cheer Team, widely considered the best cheer team in the CFL. In 1997, she launched the popular *Cheer Extravaganza*, an annual Grey Cup event that showcases all the CFL cheer teams. Dianne has produced and choreographed a variety of opening and closing ceremonies, including the 2005 World Masters Games, the 2001 World Track & Field Championships, the Canadian Finals Rodeo, the Queen's visit for Alberta's Centennial, and the 1997 and 2002 Grey Cups.

In 2010, Dianne, along with husband Jim and Leanne Livingston, opened *Perfect Storm Athletics*. With more than 800 members of all ages and abilities, Perfect Storm is one of the largest All-Star cheerleading gyms in North America. Members take cheer, dance, gymnastics and fitness classes, and may join competitive or recreational cheer teams. In the first two years, Dianne's teams have placed fourth or fifth in the world!

"For me, cheerleading has always been a vehicle to teach youth life skills and take them on a journey that can change their lives. It has been an amazing opportunity to teach trust, commitment, responsibility, integrity, leadership, teamwork and so much more. Seeing these young people become successful adults in the community, and knowing the confidence they develop from this sport, is a source of great pride."

Billy Moores

Sports Builder



When he was 16, Billy Moores arrived in Edmonton from British Columbia to play in the Oil Kings organization and has been at home in Edmonton and in hockey ever since.

Billy's career as player and coach spans four decades from minor through international ranks, leading to his position as Director, Coaching Development and Special Projects, with the Edmonton Oilers. He worked with the coaching staffs of the Oilers; its American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate, the Oklahoma City Barons; the ECHL's Bakersfield Condors; and the World Hockey League's (WHL) Edmonton Oil Kings.

At the University of Alberta, Billy played for the Golden Bears and returned as an assistant coach under Clare Drake, becoming Head Coach upon Drake's retirement. He led the Bears to five Canadian Interuniversity Athletics Union (CIAU) national championship tournaments and to two University Cup victories. The team won five Canada West Conference titles and never finished lower than second.

Billy was named Canada West Hockey Coach of the Year four times and CIAU Coach of the Year twice. Billy spent a year as Coach-General Manager of the Regina Pats, coached for two years in Japan, and was Assistant Coach for the National Hockey League's (NHL) New York Rangers before joining the Oilers as Assistant Coach in 2000. In 2009, Billy became the Senior Director of Player Development for the Oilers and in 2013 was appointed Director of Coaching Development and Special Projects. He also served as an assistant coach for Canadian national teams in several international tournaments.

Beyond Billy's accomplishments as a hockey coach, some say an even greater accomplishment was the impact he had as a junior high school teacher for 16 years, during which time he played a prominent role in the development of the innovative Donnan and Vimy Ridge sport schools. These schools combine athletics and education with a focus on the development of the whole person. Many of the young people who were taught by or played for Billy have moved into leadership roles in the Edmonton community.

"I always felt that my job as a teacher or coach was to establish and build on core values, and help young people reach their potential. For me, it was not just about winning or losing, it was about the process and helping them strive to do their best. I always felt privileged to work with young people."

The University Ringette Team Coaches: Robert J. Bailey, Paul Hotke, Bonnie L. Peters, John P. Romyn

Sports Builders



L to R: Paul Hotke, Bonnie L. Peters, Robert J. Bailey, John P. Romyn.

In 2002, the daughters of four parent/ringette coaches in St. Albert were heading for the University of Alberta and presumably the end of their ringette careers.

"There weren't too many opportunities for girls to play back then. We thought, 'OK we need a place for them to

play. We should start a university team.' Once they graduated, we just continued on."

Today, more than two dozen university teams participate in the Canadian University and College Ringette League (CURL) as a result of what the 'Ringette 4' – Robert Bailey, Paul Hotke, Bonnie Peters and John Romyn – started.

Not only did they co-found CURL, but the four coaches are also more heavily involved than ever in developing university ringette in Edmonton and across Canada. The University Ringette team won its fourth consecutive Canadian National University Ringette Championship in January 2015.

Equally significant is the team's off-ice activity. Its motto is 'Excellence in academics, athletics and community service.' The coaches expect academic achievement by everyone on the team. To minimize the need for team members to work while studying, they established a scholarship program which is now worth more than \$50,000 annually.

The coaches have also instilled the concept of giving back to the community. Each year, the team's 18 members plan, organize and run a three-day event, *Ringette Scores on Cancer*, to raise money for cancer research at the Cross Cancer Institute. The event, which involves approximately 400 ringette players ages 8 to 16, has raised more than half a million dollars for cancer research over six years.

In 2012, the University Ringette team received the National Philanthropy award for its efforts. The team also runs a school visitation program and hosts summer ringette camps and clinics to help develop the skills of younger ringette players.

"Each year brings new things and the team is a little bit different. Really, it's the girls that motivate us to keep going."

Award of Distinction

Established in 2001

Islet Transplant Group at University of Alberta	2001
Dr. Ray V. Rajotte	2001
Dr. A.M. James Shapiro	2001
Dr. Jonathan R.T. Lakey	2001
Dr. Edmond Ryan	2001
Dr. Gregory S. Korbitt	2001
Dr. Norman M. Knetemen	2001
Dr. Garth L. Warnock	2001
Dr. David Schindler	2002
Dr. Aysha Wills	2005
Edmonton Chinese Bilingual Education Association	2009
Chorale Saint-Jean	2011
The University Ringette Team 2011-2014	2014

Hall of Fame Inductees

Arts & Culture Hall of Fame

Established in 1986

Violet Archer	1986
Senator Tommy Banks	1986
Ruth Carse	1986
G.R.A. Dick Rice	1986
Horst Schmid	1986
Joseph H. Shocter	1986
Gaby Haas	1987
Elizabeth Sterling Haynes	1987
H.G. Glyde	1988
Irving Guttman	1988
Frank Glenfield	1989
Walter Kaasa	1989
Murray MacDonald	1990
Sherburne McCurdy	1990
Ranald Shean	1990
Nena Timperley	1990

Dr. Anne Anderson	1992
Jean Letourneau	1992
Jack McCreath	1992
Holger Petersen	1992
Vera Shean	1992
Dr. Anne Burrows	1993
Ernest Dalwood	1993
Elsie Park Gowan	1993
Clarence "Big" Miller	1993
Harry Pinchin	1993
Anne Wheeler	1993
Angela Cheng	1994
Beatrice Carmichael	1994
Cora Molstad	1994
Dasha Goody	1995
P.J. Perry	1995
Gerry Potter	1995
Rudy Wiebe	1995
Dr. Francis Winspear	1995
Thomas Peacocke	1996
John and Barbara Poole	1996
Richard Stephen Eaton	1997
Malcolm Forsyth	1997
The Emeralds	
Al Broder	1997
Al Oswald	1997
Wally Petruk	1997
Don Remeika	1997
Rick Morgenstern	1997
Vernon Barford	1998
Robinson Koilpillai	1998
Alex Mair	1998
Philip Graham Ponting	1998
Anthony Walcott (Tony) Cashman	1999
Dick Finkel	1999
Paul Bourret	2000
Helen Collinson	2000
Mme. Jenny LeSaunier	2000
David J. Goa	2001
Alexandra Munn	2001
Brian Paisley	2001

Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff	2001
Paul Schieman	2001
Linda Wedman	2001
Monica Hughes	2002
Lila Lee	2002
Michael Massey	2002
Herbert and Eileen Turner	2002
Brian Webb	2002
Ken Agrell-Smith	2003
Jane Ash-Poitras	2003
Douglas Barbour	2003
Eva O. Howard	2003
Mel Hurtig	2003
James Keene	2003
"Mickey" Marguerite MacDonald	2003
Judy Padua	2003
Bob Baker	2004
Robert deFrece	2004
Sherrill DeMarco	2004
David Hoyt	2004
Karen and David Cantine	2005
James DeFelice	2005
Felix (Fil) Fraser	2005
Douglas Haynes	2005
Ukrainian Shumka Dancers	2005
Arliss Miller	2006
Lyndal Osborne	2006
Gordon Peacock, LLD	2006
Tom Radford	2006
Denise Roy	2006
Fordyce C. Pier, BFA, MM, DMA	2006
Madge McCready	2007
Walter Jule	2007
Vinod K. Bhardwaj	2008
Liz Ingram	2008
Dr. Jacobus J. Kloppers	2008
Alan L. Reynolds	2008
Peter Hemingway	2009
Myrna Kostash	2009
Michael A. Phair	2009
Tanya Prochazka	2009

Greg Hollingshead	2010
Stewart Lemoine	2010
David C. Norwood	2010
Robert Sinclair	2010
Dr. E.D. Blodgett	2011
Catherine Burgess, RCA	2011
Gene Dub	2011
Jan Selman	2011
Sandra Bromley	2012
Amy W.P. Loewan	2012
Alice Major	2012
Bob Stroup	2012
Bert Almon	2013
Ms. Isla R. Burns	2013
John Mahon	2013
Robin Smith-Peck & Mr. Marc C. Siegner	2013
Eva Bostrand	2014
William (Bill) Dimmer	2014
Duo Majoya	
Dr. Marnie Giesbrecht	2014
Dr. Joachim Segger	2014
Chester Kuc	2014
Jalal Barzanji	2015
Heather C. Bedford-Clooney	2015
Catherine Crowston	2015
Todd Janes	2015

Community Service Hall of Fame

Established in 2004

Elizabeth (Bettie) Hewes	2004
Mary Morrison Davies	2004
Winnifred Stewart	2004
Robert and Shirley Stollery	2004
Jean Mucha	2005
Bruce Hogle, CM	2005
Mary Wylie Engelmann	2006
Monsignor William Irwin, OC	2006
Sandy and Cecile MacTaggart	2006
Stanley A. Milner	2006
Larry R. Shaben	2006
Kim F. Hung	2006

Krishan C. Joshee	2007
Rev Dr. Donald Mayne	2007
Margaret Andrekson	2007
Irving & Dr. Dianne Kipnes	2007
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Margaret Friedman	2008
Madam Justice Cecilia Johnstone	2008
Marg Korby	2008
Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai	2009
Bunny Ferguson, CM	2009
L. Col. (Hon.) Solomon J. Rolinger, CSt. J., QC	2009
Mr. Reza Nasseri	2010
Dr. Robert C.P. Westbury	2011
Lyle R. Best, CM	2012
Dennis Erker	2012
Elizabeth O'Neill	2012
Sine Chadi	2013
Hon. Dr. Thelma J. Chalifoux	2013
Tim C. Melton	2013
Bernadette N. Swan, MTS	2013
John W. Chomiak	2014
Lynn & Stephen Mandel	2014
Mr. Larry R. Pempeit	2014
Marjorie Bencz, CM	2015
David Majeski	2015
Sandra B. Woitas, B.Ed, M.Ed, LLD (Hon)	2015

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Roy Haliburton	1961
George F. Hustler	1961
Clifford R. Manahan	1961
J. Percy Page	1961
Ross S. Sheppard	1961
John Crozier	1962
John Roy Foster	1962
John Hougan	1962
George MacIntosh	1962
William Ruff	1962
Thomas Green	1963

Miles Palmer	1963
Earl Samis	1963
Arthur Skitch	1963
Gordon B. (Duke) Keats	1964
William Rankin	1964
Charles M. Small	1964
Russell (Barney) Stanley	1964
James (Jimmy) Graham	1965
Roderick (Roddy) MacDonald	1965
Doreen McLeod Ryan	1965
William (Deacon) White	1965
James A. (Buster) Brown	1966
Harold Chester Deeton	1966
Alex Decoteau	1967
Roland Miles	1967
James August Christiansen	1968
James (Jim) McAdie	1968
John Michael (Red) Pollard	1968
Dr. W.G. Hardy	1969
John (Jackie) Parker	1969
Elise Barlow	1970
Hazel L. Jamison	1970
Henry Martell	1970
Arthur Thomas Potter	1970
John (Jack) Reilly	1970
Jesse Jones	1971
Frank Morris	1971
Patricia Underhill	1971
Father L.J. Bonner	1972
John D. Bright	1972
John Eugene Ducey	1972
Clarence S. Campbell	1973
Edmonton "Grads"	1973
J.W. Grant MacEwan	1973
Dr. Maury L. Van Vliet	1973
Leroy Goldsworthy	1974
Glenn Hall	1974
George H. Harvie	1974
Mo Lieberman	1974
Neil McNeil Colville	1975
Louis Holmes	1975

Ken McAuley	1975
Matthew Baldwin	1976
William Donald Smith	1976
Matthew Lamont Colville	1977
Ira Garnet Stuart	1977
Frank G. Anderson	1978
Robert Bothwell	1978
George S. Hughes	1978
Diane Jones Konihowski	1978
Graham Smith	1978
Fred Mitchell	1979
L.E. (Bud) Olson	1979
Jim Ryan	1979
Eric M. Duggan	1980
Henry Singer	1980
George Dame	1981
Clarence Hollingsworth	1982
Ernest Smalian	1982
Walter Sprague	1982
Edward M. Shaske	1983
Harry Skidmore	1983
Stewart E. Hart	1984
James Albert MacPherson	1984
Alex Romaniuk	1984
Kenneth Edward Samis	1984
Fred Lupul	1985
Robert Keith Alexander	1986
John Bucyk	1986
William Connelly	1986
Thomas Wilkinson	1986
Clare Drake	1987
Bruce MacGregor	1987
Vic Mah	1987
Gordon Russell	1987
Ernie Zurich	1987
Cecil "Tiger" Goldstick	1988
Stephen W. Mendryk	1988
Lauritz Rasmussen	1988
Dave Fennell	1989
William D. (Bill) Hunter	1989
Cal Pickles	1989

Dr. Harold Lane Richard	1989
Gwen Smith	1989
Laurel Francis Harney	1990
Norm Kimball	1990
Gary McPherson	1990
George Smith	1990
Becky Wiber (Smith)	1990
Robert (Bob) Davies	1992
Cheryl Anne Gibson	1992
Paul Hortie	1992
Reginald (Pep) Moon	1992
Susan (Smith) Halak	1993
Cameron Hennig	1993
Norm Kwong	1993
Betty Stanhope-Cole	1993
Kurt Browning	1994
James Lelacheur	1994
Stanley Moher	1994
John Primrose	1994
Donald Sprague	1994
Peter Moore	1995
Perry Pearne	1995
Sandra Smith	1995
The Edmonton Mercurys	1995
Donna McGinnis Cole	1996
Ron Hayter	1996
Pat Ryan	1996
Dr. Robert (Bob) Steadward	1996
H. "Boots" Cooper	1997
Bessie McAvoy	1997
Richard A. (Dick) White	1997
Pierre Leuders	1998
Alex Olynky	1998
Canadian Women's Curling Champions	1999
Bruce Cleveley	1999
Sam C.M. Donaghey	1999
Dr. Herbert John McLachlin	1999
Wendy Clarkson-Carter	2000
Jerry Derewonko	2000
Pauline Ingall	2000
Lawrence Lemieux	2000

Susan Natrass	2000
Jean Ross	2000
Dr. Les Willox	2000
Donald "Lefty" Wynn	2000
Gail Greenough	2001
Dr. Ken Grierson	2001
Albert (AB) Hardy	2001
Brian Heffel	2001
Orest Korbitt	2001
Michael Slipchuk	2001
Carrie Anton	2002
Gordon Bertie	2002
David Ford	2002
William Gilhespy	2002
Greg Greenough	2002
Jamie Sale and David Pelletier	2002
Peter Jones	2002
Ryan Smith and Eric Brewer	2002
Keith Spencer	2002
The Kevin Martin Rink	2002
The Randy Ferbey Rink	2002
Mike Eurchuk	2003
Dr. Randy Gregg	2003
"Babe" Arthur McAvoy	2003
Shona Schleppe	2003
Glenn Gray	2004
Wayne Gretzky	2004
Francis Heath	2004
Jan Ullmark	2004
Keltie Duggan	2005
Brian Fryer	2005
Lori-Ann Muenzer	2005
Pete Peeters	2005
Garry Smith	2005
Denis Belair Sr.	2006
Oskar H. Kruger, BA, LLB	2006
Kenneth G. Montgomery	2006
W.F. (Dinty) Moore	2006
Ken Tamke	2006
Shauna C. Miller, QC	2006
Elizabeth (Caruthers) Tweddle	2006

Don Horwood	2007
Danielle Peers	2007
Orville Franchuk	2007
Leigh McMillan	2007
Vern J. Davis	2008
Ju Jie Luan	2008
Terry Capp	2008
John T. Aiken	2008
Colbie Bell B.Sc., B.Ed	2009
Michael (Mickey) Checknita	2009
Arnold Martin Enger	2009
Don Barry	2010
Jack Boddington	2010
Mark E. Lund	2010
Mrs. Ollie Olga Currie	2011
Mr. Wally (Walter) A. Litousky	2011
Scotty Olson	2011
Murray F.R. Smith	2011
Edmonton Huskies Junior Football Team (1962, 1963, 1964)	2012
Allan Ford	2012
Richard A. Hauck	2012
David M. Johnson	2012
Mrs. Judit Berecz	2013
Howie Draper, BPE, MA	2015
Dianne Greenough	2015
Billy Moores	2015
The University Ringette Team Coaches	
Robert J. Bailey, MD	2015
Paul Hotke, CA	2015
Bonnie L. Peters	2015
John P. Romyn	2015

Featured Talent

Daryl McIntyre – Master of Ceremonies

Daryl McIntyre is Edmonton's longest-serving news anchor with more than 28 years of experience serving the viewers of CTV Edmonton. One of NAIT's top 50 graduates in 50 years, he is an award-winning reporter and anchor with a commitment to local journalism.

Daryl grew up in the Edmonton neighbourhoods of Riverdale and Terrace Heights before moving to a farm north of Vermilion, Alberta. A graduate of NAIT's Radio and Television Arts program (1983), he previously worked in radio and television in Lloydminster and Prince George. Coming back to Edmonton in 1986 was truly a career "dream come true," allowing him to work alongside Edmonton broadcasting stalwarts Bruce Hogle, Daphne Kuehn, Al McCann and Eric Neville.

Daryl is proud to support a variety of Edmonton charities including Greater Edmonton Foundation (Seniors' housing), the Stollery Children's Hospital Foundation and YMCA of Northern Alberta.

Dave Babcock – Musical Director

Saxophonist and bandleader Dave Babcock leads a rich musical life with a quiet confidence that only a man of his abilities and experience can possess.

He and his Jump Orchestra are well known to Edmonton audiences, and their recording *Jump To It* was nominated for a Western Canadian Music Award (WCMA) in 2010. Dave won the Calgary Blues Music Association's *Best Horn Player Award* in 2013 and he has appeared on two Juno Award winning albums.

Chris Andrew – Pre-Awards Entertainment

Edmonton pianist Chris Andrew is a *Galaxy Rising Star Award* winner and his Hutchinson Andrew Trio won the prestigious *TD Grand Prix Award* at the Montreal Jazz Festival in 2013. As a leader, Chris has been nominated five times for *Best Jazz Recording* at the Western Canadian Music Awards and has toured extensively in Canada, the United States and abroad.

Edmonton Police Service Chorus – National Anthem

The Edmonton Police Service (EPS) Chorus was established in 1984 to explore the idea of forming a 'Christmas Choir'. The original concept involved singing in local shopping malls to raise awareness of the efforts of charity groups. In recent years, the primary focus for the Chorus has been to provide entertainment to patients at extended care facilities over the Christmas season in conjunction with the Edmonton Police Pipes and Drums and the Edmonton Police Association's Charity and Welfare Committee. The Chorus has also been active in providing musical services for Police-related events such as recruit graduations, conferences, funerals, special events and the annual Alberta Police and Peace Officer Memorial. The chorus is made up of sworn and civilian members and retired EPS alumni and can be identified by the official EPS chorus uniform of black and gold.

Jenie Thai – Performer

Edmonton artist Jenie Thai is charming audiences across Canada with her electric stage energy and the old soul conveyed through her songwriting. With a voice spanning three octaves and a lifetime of piano playing, Jenie's received accolades as a finalist in the 2012 International Songwriting Competition, the 2013 Edmonton Music Awards and as a semi-finalist in the 2014 International Blues Challenge.

Firefly Theatre & Circus – Performer

Firefly Theatre is known for thought-provoking thrills and stunning displays of athleticism and grace. Edmonton's award-winning Aerial Circus Performance Company has captivated audiences nation-wide and beyond, appearing at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.; the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver; Winterfest in Toronto; and Canada Day in London, England. Here tonight to defy gravity is Aerialist Stephanie Gruson.

6 Minute Warning – Performers

6 Minute Warning is a Canadian vocal group based out of Edmonton. The group consists of six members with extensive backgrounds in rock, pop, jazz, classical, and choral music. 6 Minute Warning is renowned for its exceptional singing – tight harmonies, seamless phrasing, thrilling lead-solos, and intricate beat-boxing. Their love for singing and their ability to create a soundscape with their voices continues to inspire audiences both young and old.

Brett Leibham – Post-Award Reception Entertainment

Guitarist Brett Leibham is an accomplished and versatile musician, who is able to draw from an extensive repertoire in his solo performances. He is fluent in jazz, Latin, classical and other guitar styles and for many years was an instructor at MacEwan University. In addition to his solo work, Brett has played in dance bands, musical theatre productions and with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra.

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