

City of  
Edmonton

60<sup>th</sup>  
Annual

*Salute to*  
EXCELLENCE

Hall of Fame  
Induction Ceremony



P R O G R A M

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Francis Winspear

Centre for Music





**Message from His Worship  
Mayor Stephen Mandel**



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, I am pleased to extend sincere congratulations to all those being inducted into the City of Edmonton Hall of Fame.

For 60 years Salute to Excellence has recognized Edmontonians who have contributed to the unique and diverse fabric of our community during the annual awards ceremony.

Tonight we celebrate the contributions of outstanding individuals in the areas of arts and culture, community service and sport. Congratulations to all the inductees. Your dedication, talents and achievements provide leadership, vision and inspiration.

I'd like to thank each of you for setting an example of civic pride. Your investments of time, talent and energy are greatly appreciated, and have improved the lives of others in your communities.

Best wishes for an enjoyable evening!

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature of Stephen Mandel in black ink.

Stephen Mandel  
Mayor

# Message from the Chair

## Salute to Excellence Committee



The Salute to Excellence Committee congratulates the inductees in tonight's Hall of Fame ceremony. These inductees have brought dedication and passion to their fields of endeavour through many years of service and leadership. Their contributions to sport, arts and culture, and community service have touched the lives of many

Edmontonians, Albertans, and Canadians.

The members of the Salute to Excellence Committee thank the Mayor and City Councillors for their support of the Hall of Fame program. We also thank the citizens who took time to nominate these Hall of Fame inductees and made us aware of their outstanding contributions.

I would like to extend my thanks to the members and staff of the Salute to Excellence Committee for their efforts in making this evening a hallmark event in the City of Edmonton, as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Sports Hall of Fame.

**Dennis Belair**

2010/2011 Chair

City of Edmonton

# Salute to Excellence

## Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

## Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence

**Master of Ceremonies**  
Mark Connolly

**Procession of 2011 Inductees**

**Entrance of His Honour, Col. (Ret'd), The Honourable Donald S. Ethell,  
OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD Lieutenant Governor of Alberta,  
and Her Honour Linda Ethell**

**Vice Regal Salute**

**National Anthem**

**Edmonton Youth Choir**

**Greetings from The Lieutenant Governor**

His Honour, Col. (Ret'd), The Honourable Donald S. Ethell, OC,  
OMM, AOE, MSC, CD, LLD Lieutenant Governor of Alberta

**Greetings from the City**

His Worship Mayor Stephen Mandel

**Entertainment**  
Michael Massey

**Arts & Culture Hall of Fame**  
Catherine Burgess RCA  
Gene Dub  
Jan Selman  
Dr. E.D. Blodgett

**Entertainment:** Firefly Theatre

**Award of Distinction**  
Chorale Saint-Jean

**Entertainment**  
Chorale Saint-Jean (Conductor Professor Laurier Fagnan)

**Community Service Hall of Fame**  
Dr. Robert C.P. Westbury

**Acknowledgement of 60th Anniversary of Sports Hall of Fame**

**Sports Hall of Fame**  
Mrs. Ollie Olga Currie  
Mr. Wally (Walter) A. Litousky  
Scotty Olson  
Murray F.R. Smith

**Closing Remarks**  
Master of Ceremonies Mark Connolly

**Closing Entertainment**  
Kent Sangster and the Salute to Excellence Orchestra

**Exit of The Lieutenant Governor**

**Post-Ceremony Reception**  
Wayne Feschuk - Piano



# Arts & Culture Hall of Fame

*Edmonton's Arts & Culture Hall of Fame was established in 1986 to honour outstanding individuals and groups whose body of work in arts and culture has brought recognition to the City of Edmonton. Its inductees include many exceptionally talented and dedicated Edmontonians. These outstanding individuals and groups, through their artistic or 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 culture community.*



## Catherine Burgess RCA

Artist



As an accomplished sculptor, Catherine Burgess is recognized as a leading artist on the national stage, and her passion for the local community over the past 35 years has earned her a special place as a beloved Edmontonian.

"She is not one to advertise herself. I believe that she understands the profound effect she has upon those around her and upon the local culture. The quality in her nature, the

exceptional importance of her work, and her strength of character have made her an artist that people speak of with reverence and admiration," said Bernd Hildebrandt, artist and sessional instructor at the University of Alberta.

Citing herself as a scavenger on a quiet quest for bits and pieces to create works she deems "experimental on a subconscious level," Burgess has set an enviable benchmark in the arts community. She was inducted into the prestigious Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (RCA) in 2002.

Over the years, downtown Edmonton has been graced with her acclaimed public art, including the works *The Big Rock*, a collaboration with sculptor Sandra Bromley in 1995, and *Return*, commissioned by the Edmonton Community Foundation in 2001.

Since graduating from the University of Alberta in 1975, Burgess has had more than 25 solo exhibitions. She has participated in over 60 group exhibitions in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain. Her work is displayed in 24 public collections across Canada.

Catherine Burgess' devotion and commitment to help mould Edmonton into a rich cultural centre has vaulted her to the highest level of public esteem. She has generously served on several public committees, art juries, the Board of Directors at the Edmonton Art Gallery, the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, and the Canada Council for the Arts.

Burgess has been a dedicated teacher in Design and Fine Arts at the University of Alberta, always encouraging her students to reach their full potential. She continues to be an inspirational mentor for young artists in Edmonton.

A tireless volunteer, Catherine Burgess currently serves on the Edmonton Public Art Committee and the Governing Council of the RCA.



## Gene Dub

Artist/Builder



An architect and visionary, Gene Dub imagines Edmonton's future landscape transformed by the vast potential of its past. He firmly believes that the inner city's derelict and decayed monuments of yesteryear can be renewed to become urban gems.

As one prominent businessman put it, "He has brought life into buildings where there has been no life for some time.

No other architect in Edmonton has invested more of his time and personal resources into the redevelopment of our downtown."

Gene Dub has created award-winning masterpieces in the city for years. The design of Edmonton's iconic pyramided glass-and-stone City Hall in 1992 and Dub's current revival of the historic Alberta Hotel on Jasper Avenue illustrate the depth of his passion for reclaiming local heritage for generations to come. Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier stayed at the hotel when Alberta was proclaimed a province in 1905. The Alberta Hotel is also where Gene delivered newspapers as a youngster. The once stately building, torn down in 1984 to make way for Canada Place, will soon be a restored four-storey landmark near its original location in the heart of downtown.

Always "inventive, curious and bold," Gene Dub's architectural and artistic legacy also includes the restoration of the historic McLeod Building into an eye-catching residential and retail complex. In 2006, he developed the acclaimed Seventh Street Lofts, one of five initiatives helping to revitalize the warehouse district. Four years ago Gene purchased and redeveloped the former City Market on 97 Street, transforming it into an award-winning design for affordable housing.

Beyond architecture, Dub's record also proves a lifelong commitment to serve his community. He was a city councillor from 1977 to 1980 and has generously served on numerous civic boards and committees.

Edmonton's *Celebrate 2004* committee named Gene Dub one of the 100 Great Edmontonians of the past century. Gene Dub's work and vision continue to secure Edmonton's past for our future.

## Jan Selman

Artist/Builder



Jan Selman has made her mark in collaborative popular theatre by always thinking outside the box. Her cutting edge artistic process for social change has been influential in making the genre more attractive across Canada.

Through her work and commitment, Jan's style of popular theatre has given voice to those less fortunate, including marginalized community groups, prison inmates, sexual assault victims, and First Nations citizens.

Jan Selman "can stand firm on principle longer than anyone and she never gives up, not on people," said local playwright, Jane Heather, an assistant professor at the University of Alberta. "She reminds us of the possibilities, diversity, pleasure and hope we have in our community, in the arts and in ourselves."

For more than 35 years, Jan has been a groundbreaking leader in theatre that pushed past traditional boundaries throughout Canada and beyond.

Her ongoing mission to work outside the norm began with her tenure as the first artistic director of Edmonton's renowned Catalyst Theatre. There she developed acclaimed participatory techniques, styles that invite active audience participation to generate individual, community, and social change.

"It is no exaggeration to say that Catalyst Theatre under Jan's direction became the pre-eminent social action theatre in the country," said one prominent arts community member. "It was hugely influential in shaping popular theatre practice in companies across Canada."

For the past 20 years, Selman has moved over to the academic side of theatre. She just completed 10 years as Chair in the Department of Drama at the University of Alberta, and was recently awarded the U of A Excellence in Leadership Award.

Never one to say "good enough," Jan is currently utilizing her earned international influence in Kenya to help establish a new university.

Jan Selman is known throughout the Edmonton arts community as an "innovator, original thinker, and pioneer" whose work is continually asking, "How can we help make a better world?" For Jan Selman it is a sacred mission that never ends.

## Dr. E.D. Blodgett

Artist



For more than four decades, famed poet Dr. Edward (Ted) Dickinson Blodgett has not only inspired Canada's literary community, but has made it his mission to touch the soul of Edmonton by defining its past, present, and future.

"Poetry recovers the life that most cities tend to remove, whether in the name of urban renewal or new marketing schemes or simply to be trendy. Poetry recovers life and makes it speak of what we were, how we are, what we might want to be," Dr. Blodgett once wrote.

While Dr. Blodgett's insight has earned widespread respect and admiration, he is also known for his remarkable sincerity, humour, and artistic humility. He created some of his greatest poems while seated in the choir stall of Holy Trinity Anglican Church during Sunday services. This link with community has made him a revered figure.

"If it is true that youth is the capacity to be amazed, he is one who has found the fountain of youth as attested by his consuming curiosity," said Marc Arnal, Dean of Campus Saint-Jean at the University of Alberta.

This never ending reservoir of youthful energy, even at the age of 76, keeps Ted Blodgett on the cutting edge of his art. A two-time winner of the Governor General's Award for both poetry and translation, he is renowned for his work in both English and French. He has had 22 books of poetry published, with another three to come.

Blodgett was Edmonton's Poet Laureate from 2007 to 2009, a period when he produced memorable poems for the Louise McKinney Park public art project. He also served as chair of the Board of the Edmonton Arts Council, and was professor at the University of Alberta's North Campus and the Campus Saint-Jean for 34 years.

He remains passionate about serving Edmonton, as an artist and a volunteer playing his beloved lute at the University hospital.

As one prominent local academic noted, "Dr. Blodgett is an inspiring person who has served Edmonton with extraordinary dedication. He has made this a better place to live."

# Award of Distinction

*Every few years an individual or organization appears to have initiated a course of events so unique that it demands recognition from the City of Edmonton Salute to Excellence Committee. In such circumstances, the Selection Committee may decide to honour said individual or organization with the presentation of the Salute to Excellence Award of Distinction. Such an outstanding group has been selected this year.*



Chorale Saint-Jean



## **Chorale Saint-Jean**

(Conductor Professor Laurier Fagnan)

For almost 75 years, Edmonton's Chorale Saint-Jean has been the inspirational musical voice of the Francophone community in western Canada. More recently, under the direction of internationally renowned conductor Dr. Laurier Fagnan, associate professor of music at Campus Saint-Jean at the University of Alberta, the 70-member choir has spread the rich cultural vitality of Alberta's 68,000 strong Francophone community around the world.

"Chorale St. Jean has demonstrated a commitment not only to being a positive force for the maintenance and development of Francophone life, but also a level of excellence that places them amongst the finest Francophone choirs anywhere in the world," said Leonard Ratzlaff, the university's professor of choral music.

But the choir's first priority is to serve Edmonton and the province's Francophone community. It participated in the centennial celebrations of Edmonton in 2004, Alberta the following year, and of Campus Saint-Jean and the University of Alberta in 2008. As well, the choir has performed at many local benefit concerts, including collaborations with members of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and Royal Canadian Artillery Band.

This local success has prompted enthusiastic invitations from beyond Alberta. In 2005, the choir toured Quebec, singing to almost 10,000 Quebecois, including an audience of 1,500 at the Basilique Notre-Dame de Montreal.

Three years later the choir performed a spotlight concert at Quebec City's 400th anniversary celebrations. The choir also joined a 72-group ensemble from all corners of the Francophone globe for a performance that featured 1,400 singers. Dr. Fagnan was one of the six invited conductors.

There is more acclaim to come as Chorale Saint-Jean gears up for a tour of France this summer where the choir will collaborate with Les Petits chanteurs de Saint-Marc from the celebrated film *Les Choristes*.

Next year the choir will partner with the Quebec Choral Federation to host Choralies 2012 that will attract over 1,000 choristers to Edmonton from across the French-speaking world.

The beautiful voice of Chorale Saint-Jean, which has thrilled Edmontonians and Albertans since 1937, has clearly positioned itself for a harmonious future in song.

# Community Service Hall of Fame

*The Community Service Hall of Fame was established in 2004 to honour outstanding individuals or organizations who have made significant or lifetime contributions to the community.*

*The Community Service Hall of Fame inductees have raised awareness, created new institutions where needed, and strengthened the character of the community they serve by providing us with role models and venues for our growth as responsible and compassionate citizens.*



## Dr. Robert C.P. Westbury

Builder



Whenever Edmonton needed impossible dreams realized, there was no better person for the task than Dr. Bob.

More formally known as Dr. Robert Westbury, this remarkable volunteer and community booster is famous for rallying doubters with quotes from the musical *Man of La Mancha*. It was his way of underscoring that fretting about perceived challenges was merely “tilting at windmills.”

In 2003, sceptics said that Dr. Bob would not be able to raise \$7.5 million for the Fringe Theatre Adventures and TransAlta Arts Barns, a year-round multi-purpose community arts complex and home to the annual Edmonton International Fringe Festival. He proved them wrong by raising 9.2 million.

There were doubters in 2004 when he was asked to chair Edmonton’s organizing committee for the Juno Awards. But Dr. Bob was once a music man who trudged his way through university by playing saxophone in a Glenn Miller cover band. He got the job done. The Junos were a smashing success and Edmonton broke all attendance records.

Dr. Bob comes from a broad, varied business and educational background. He was a teacher, principal and director with Edmonton Catholic Schools. He is a past Vice-President with TransAlta Corporation and past President of SEEDS Foundation, a Canadian organization funded by the energy industry to create textbooks for millions of Canadian students to present a balanced environment/energy view of sustainability.

At age 74, Dr. Bob remains active. Over the past decade, he has fundraised for numerous community and arts organizations. He has found time to chair the TELUS Edmonton Community Board, the Alberta Order of Excellence, the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research and the Enoch Paragon River Cree Resort board. Dr. Bob is currently TELUS’ Chief Advisor, Capital Region, Relations and Innovation.

Dr. Bob was named one of Alberta’s 50 Most Influential people by *Alberta Venture* in 2003 and 2004. Last December, he was inducted to the Order of Canada. Dr. Robert Westbury remains an inspirational force in Edmonton.

Like Don Quixote in *Man of La Mancha*, he is never afraid to challenge the impossible dream.

# 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.*

*The Edmonton Sports Hall of Fame was created in 1959. Edmonton athletes have represented the city credibly in competition, with exemplary sportsmanship and skill. Our builders of sport have given our city a strong foundation in which our athletes develop their skills and abilities.*

*Tonight, we honour these Edmontonians who worked tirelessly to achieve excellence in sports.*





## Mrs. Ollie Olga Currie

Builder



Ollie Currie has dedicated 40 years to assisting competitive swimmers attain their personal goals at local, provincial, and national levels. Her volunteer “career” began as a swim parent in 1970 with the Jasper Place Swim Club. From that moment on, Ollie’s infectious attitude became her defining mantra.

Ollie’s commitment as a builder in the sport of swimming took her around the world as an ambassador for Edmonton and Canada. She was Team Manager with the Canadian National Team at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, three World Championships, four Commonwealth Games, five Pan Am Games, three Pan Pacific Championships, plus numerous other International competitions. In 1994, she was appointed Chef de Mission to the World Aquatic Championships in Rome.

For more than 15 years, Ollie has been involved with the Swimmers With A Disability national program, and was Canadian Team Manager at three Paralympics, World Championships, and other international meets.

Her continued dedication to swimmers at the community level have made her special to Edmonton. Ollie’s 35 year leadership contributions have included chairing numerous national championships, Para Swimming Championships, World Cups, World Masters Games, and local competitions. She was also Competition Director for the 1983 Universiade Games. Ollie has served as Board Director of Swim Canada, Commonwealth Games, Canadian Paralympic Committee, and as President of Swim Alberta and the Edmonton Keyano Swim Club.

She continues to be a revered “surrogate mother” to countless athletes who have benefited from her efforts. “A brief stroll around a pool deck with Ollie at a swim meet will see several people approach with hugs and best wishes. She is truly an inspiration,” said Dr. Cam McGinnis, President of the Edmonton Keyano Swim Club.

Currie’s selfless commitment to youth and the sport of swimming has been recognized with Swim Canada awards, induction into the Alberta Sports Hall of Fame, and being named to the Order of Canada. Ollie Currie is first to recognize that her accolades have been due largely to the efforts of others. She displays “the spirit of a genuine builder.”

## Mr. Wally (Walter) A. Litousky

Builder



Almost half a century ago when Wally Litousky toured Italy as a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, he was given the nickname “Maestro” for his mastery in judo, the art of self-defence.

Wally was a career military weapons technician but he carried with him an inspiring and compassionate aura that was already earning him a special place in the sport of judo, which means “the gentle way” in Japanese. “Wally is not only a gentleman, he is kind. His welcoming smile and outstretched hand to greet you each and every time is a memory to be cherished,” says a Judo Alberta spokesperson.

Litousky was a passionate participant and builder of his sport from the moment a Japanese teenager surprised him in 1953 at a high school wrestling workout. “He began pounding me from pillar to post with all these judo moves,” said Wally. “After that whenever I got spare time, I asked him for pointers.”

Wally is considered one of most influential masters to ever grace the sport in Edmonton and throughout Alberta. He has done it all – black belt champion, coach, referee and generous mentor to hundreds of young kids, many of them going on to compete at the national level.

Always the gentle Maestro, he thrilled students and organizers with his infectious attitude and was a constant supporter of the underdog.

Wally started and coached clubs everywhere he was stationed in the military, including Edmonton and Cold Lake, and was a co-founder of the Edmonton Yudanshakai Judo Society, an organization that provides local judo tournament opportunities. Since retiring from the military in 1980, Wally has volunteered to coach and referee at more than 250 tournaments and clinics across the province.

Edmonton honours Wally Litousky’s half-century of selfless dedication to countless young athletes. Although the Maestro remains positively humble, many are convinced he is a hero. “Wally gave more of himself than most people realize,” says long-time judo colleague and friend Kenneth Greer. “Wally has meant a lot to many kids.” Edmonton’s gentle Maestro continues to show us “the way.”

## Scotty Olson

Athlete



As a kid Scotty Olson was considered too small for sports. Barely five feet tall and weighing no more than 112 pounds, he found himself jumping from one sport to another, fumbling at every one he tried.

Then in 1982 at the age of 14, Olson met boxer Al Ford, a former Canadian lightweight champion. Ford told this big hearted little kid to head to Edmonton's Cougar Boxing Club.

There local boxing legend Paul Hortie immediately saw Scotty's desire and told him that if he was prepared to work hard his dreams would come true.

With the tenacity of a bulldog, Scotty went to work to excel in a demanding sport. When his first lesson was over he told his newfound mentor, "I love this place. And I want to be the champion of the world." Bulldog became Scotty's nickname and his journey to greatness began.

In 1984, he won the provincial flyweight title. That same year Scotty won the Canadian championship, the first of six consecutive titles. In 1986, the Bulldog electrified Canadians by winning the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland. Two years later, Scotty represented Canada at the Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea.

Olson entered his professional career in the United States in 1990, under the guidance of boxing promoter Bob Arum. The Bulldog won his first 19 bouts before claiming his first title – the United States Boxing Association flyweight championship. His greatest triumph was before Edmonton fans in 1994 when he won the International Boxing Association light flyweight title. The Bulldog was world champion – just as he had promised the late Paul Hortie.

Scotty defended his title five times before retiring in 2002, compiling a record of 34 wins (25 by knockout), four losses and two draws. He was inducted into the AlbertaSports Hall of Fame in 2009. Today, he can still be found at Edmonton boxing tournaments cheering on and inspiring rising stars.

Scotty Olson has proven that heart, determination, and perseverance make anything possible.

## Murray F.R. Smith

Builder



Dr. Murray Smith is not only recognized as Edmonton's consummate sports builder, he is also known as a passionate community leader who always found time to wear many different hats. His vaunted reputation has spanned over six decades and every area of sports imaginable –athlete, coach, sports psychologist, educator, volunteer, and sports administrator.

"His goal has always been to serve, and his enlightened way of challenging while nurturing has uplifted the many lives he's touched," said one admiring local businessman. "The details of Dr. Smith's tremendous contribution to his community and Canadian sport in general could fill a book."

Beginning at age 23 in 1948, Dr. Smith was a high school and university coach in football, basketball and swimming for more than three decades. His championship teams include the Alberta Junior Football League Edmonton Huskies and the University of Alberta football and swimming squads.

In 1958, he began an illustrious three-decade academic career at the University of Alberta. While teaching healthy values to generations of students, he also served as psychologist for the University's Golden Bears hockey and basketball teams. For the past quarter century, Dr. Smith's expertise in sports psychology has been internationally recognized. Major sports organizations across the country have sought his services, including the NHL's Edmonton Oilers, the Memorial Cup champion Kelowna Rockets, and numerous national and Olympic athletes.

However, Dr. Smith's talent for sports management especially shone at home in Edmonton. He was the director of the Sports Division for Edmonton's Commonwealth Games in 1978. Five years later he was the Vice-President of Venues when the City hosted the World University Games. With so much already achieved, Dr. Smith still found room for another hat – volunteering for community and sports organizations, including the University of Alberta Sports Wall of Fame and the Alberta Cancer Board.

It's time to pause and raise our own hats to Dr. Murray Smith and his remarkable record and legacy as a builder in both sports and the community.

# 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

## Hall of Fame INDUCTEES

### **Arts & Culture Hall of Fame**

Angela Cheng	1984
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
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	2006
Tom Radford	2006
Denise Roy	2006
Fordyce C. Pier BFA, MM, DMA	2006
Gordon Peacock LLD	2006
Madge McCready	2007
Walter Jule	2007
Vinod K. Bhardwaj	2008
Liz Ingram	2008
Dr. Jacobus J. Klopppers	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

## **Community Service Hall of Fame**

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
Honourable Jean B. Forest, O.C.	2008
Margaret Friedman	2008
Madam Justice Cecilia Johnstone	2008
Marg Korby	2008
Dr. Ruth Collins-Nakai	2009
Bunny Ferguson, C.M.	2009
L. Col. (Hon.) Solomon J. Rolingher, CSt. J., Q.C.	2009
Mr. Reza Nasser	2010
Dr. Robert C.P. Westbury	2011



## Sports Hall of Fame

Dr. Marcus M Dunsworth	1961
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
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Cal Pickles	1989
Dr. Harold Lane Richard	1989
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Laurel Francis Harney	1990
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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
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H. "Boots" Cooper	1997
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Peter Jones	2002
Ryan Smith and Eric Brewer	2002
Keith Spencer	2002
The Kevin Martin Rink	2002
The Randy Ferbey Rink	2002
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# Featured Talent

## **Mark Connolly – Emcee**

Mark Connolly grew up in Edmonton, and in his teens worked at CBC as a janitor. Through this exposure to the sports department, he discovered a job that appeared to involve no work and plenty of time to attend sports events: a perfect career plan!

After 22 years as a sportscaster at CBC, Mark became the supper hour news host in September of 2010.

Mark attended the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in the Radio and Television Arts program. His first full time job was in radio in Fort McMurray Alberta, where he was the play-by-play voice of the Fort McMurray Oil Barons of the Alberta Junior Hockey League. He then worked in radio in both Red Deer and Edmonton before starting a weekend job at CBC Edmonton in December 1988, which has evolved through the years to his position today.

In his decades with CBC, Mark has covered seven Olympic games including the Beijing Olympics, numerous world championships, and the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

Mark and his wife Alyson have two boys, Patrick and Jack.

## **Edmonton Youth Choir – Director John Wiebe**

Edmonton Youth Choir, the oldest choir in Edmonton's youth and children's choir family, focuses on advanced unaccompanied music and tours regularly. EYC has received many awards for its performances in Canada and around the world: Europe (Germany 2003; Wales and England 2005; Russia, Estonia and Finland 2007), Peru 2009, and in 2011, China. The choir is led by Edmonton-based conductor and pianist, Dr. John Wiebe.

## **Michael Massey**

Mr. Massey's accomplishments as a musician are renowned, performing as a soloist and chamber musician throughout Canada, England, and Scotland.

Mr. Massey appears as guest conductor locally and abroad including the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonia Orchestra, and the Scottish National Orchestra. He was inducted into the Edmonton Cultural Hall of Fame in 2002, and received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

## **Firefly Theatre**

Firefly Theatre is known for thought-provoking thrills and stunning displays of athleticism and grace. Alberta's award-winning Aerial Circus Performance Company has captivated audiences nation-wide and beyond with their unique fusion of Aerial Arts and Theatre. Tonight's performer, defying gravity is aerialist Kim Precht.

## **Chorale Saint-Jean – Conductor Professor Laurier Fagnan**

Edmonton's Chorale Saint-Jean, is a 70 member mixed French language community and university choir of Campus Saint-Jean of the University of Alberta. Chorale Saint-Jean prides itself in providing French-speaking singers the opportunity to sing both classical and more popular repertoire in a unique French environment. They present two concerts each year, a "Concert de Noel" at Christmas and a "Concert de Printemps" in the spring.

## **Kent Sangster – Salute to Excellence Orchestra**

Juno nominee Kent Sangster has been a nationally recognized jazz recording artist for almost 20 years. Kent holds a Master of Music degree in Studio Jazz Writing from the University of Miami and a B.A. Jazz degree from St. Francis Xavier University. Kent is currently on faculty at Grant MacEwan University, as well as being the Executive Director and Producer of the Edmonton International Jazz Festival.

## **Wayne Feschuk – Piano**

Wayne Feschuk is considered one of Canada's finest jazz pianists having performed with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, the Edmonton Jazz Orchestra, and for the Queen of England. He is also the recipient of an Edmonton Performing and Creative Arts Award for outstanding achievement in music and was featured on two Juno-nominated recordings.

## **Obsessions Quartet – VIP Reception**

The Obsessions Quartet was founded in 2005 and features violinist Joanna Ciapka- Sangster, violinist Neda Yamach, violist Rhonda Henshaw, and cellist Ronda Metzies. This Juno nominated ensemble explores and performs a wide range of musical styles from baroque, to romantic to tango and even some jazz. All members of the quartet are also members of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, as well as many other professional Edmonton-based ensembles.

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**Kent Sangster and the Salute to Excellence Orchestra**

Musical Director: Kent Sangster

Bass: Mike Lent

Drums: Sandro Dominelli

Trumpet: Joel Gray

Trumpet: Bob Tildesley

Piano: Wayne Feschuk

Guitar: Jim Head

**Edmonton Youth Choir**

**Michael Massey**

**Firefly Theatre**

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