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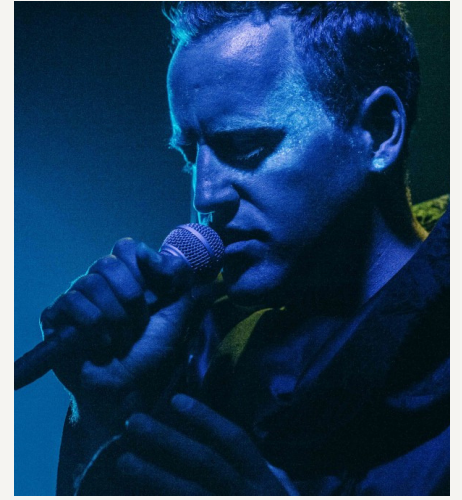
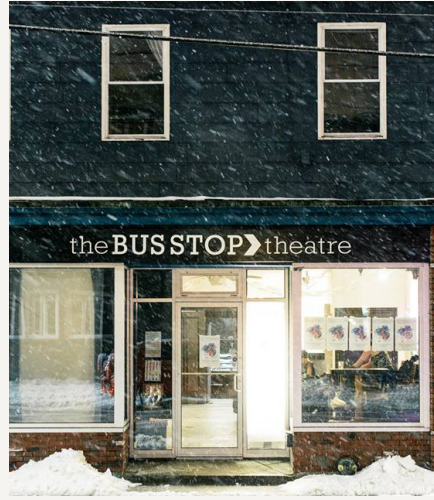
2019 CREATIVE COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Arts Nova Scotia and the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council will celebrate The Bus Stop Theatre as part of the 14th Creative Nova Scotia Awards Gala, to be held at the Halifax Central Library, Saturday, November 2, 2019.

The BUS STOP THEATRE is the inaugural recipient of the Creative Community Impact Award, and will receive \$10,000.

Created by HEIST, Artistic Directors, the vision for the gala is MAKE IT OURS.

MAKE IT OURS is a call to fight fear and scarcity and to celebrate our achievements together. It's a billboard that proclaims "There Is Space For You," a mantra that affirms that we are exactly who should be here, now, sharing our gifts in Nova Scotia.



Left to right: Afua Cooper (photo by Foundry Photography), The Bus Stop Theatre (photo by Mel Hattie), Stewart Legere (photo by Mel Hattie)

THE BUS STOP THEATRE is a beloved fixture of life in Halifax's North End that has not only survived, but remained relevant to and invested in its community. Built by artists and community members who intended to use it, The Bus Stop Theatre began operating in 2003 and, over the last 16 years, has become one of the most exciting cultural hubs in Halifax and Nova Scotia where over 90 events and festivals are hosted annually to engage with the work of artists across disciplines – theatre, music, dance, film, improv, poetry, art shows and more. Throughout, The Bus Stop Theatre has achieved its success by remaining true to its mandate: to operate affordable and accessible theatrical facilities that serve a diverse range of emerging and established artists while remaining responsive to the needs of the broader community. Neighbours to historical African Nova Scotian communities, to the Mi'kmaq Native Friendship Centre and institutions important to the LGBTQ+ communities, The Bus Stop Theatre plays an important role in providing safe space for community empowerment to underrepresented communities. The Bus Stop Theatre has hosted events with the Prismatic Arts Festival, the Dead of Winter Music Festival, the Halifax Pop Explosion, the OBEY Convention and the Halifax Fringe Festival. The Bus Stop Theatre has played and will continue to play a vital role in the growth of diverse voices within our communities.

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ABOUT THE CREATIVE NOVA SCOTIA AWARDS GALA

Presented by Arts Nova Scotia and the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council, the Creative Nova Scotia Awards Gala (the Gala) is an annual event that celebrates excellence in artistic achievement, to include the announcements of the Portia White Prize, the Lieutenant Governor's Masterworks Award, winners of the Prix Grand-Pré, the Established Artist, Emerging Artist and Indigenous Artist awards, and the Creative Community Impact Award. Collectively, the awards are worth \$95,000.

The Gala will consist of live performances, activated spaces, and installations. The awards ceremony will provide an opportunity for the presentation of the province's top arts and culture prizes.

The Creative Nova Scotia Awards Gala

Date: Saturday November 2, 2019

Start time: 7:30 pm

Location: Halifax Central Library

Artistic Directors/Event Management Team: HEIST

Free Admission / This event is 19+

Eventbrite tickets available Friday, October 18, 2019

More details at artsns.ca

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