



## Rozsa Foundation announces 2019 Rozsa Awards Shortlist



[23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019 – Calgary, Alberta] The Rozsa Foundation is excited to announce the shortlist nominees for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Rozsa Awards celebrating excellence in arts management and board leadership.

Recognizing **Excellence in Arts Management**, the Rozsa Foundation congratulates nominees: Sara Leishman, Executive Director of **Calgary Music Folk Festival**, Brendan Lord, Executive Director of **Choir Alberta**, and Carol Holmes, Executive Director of **Writer's Guild of Alberta**.

Recognizing **Excellence in Board Leadership**, the Rozsa Foundation congratulates nominees: Tara Owen, Board Chair of **Alberta Craft Council**, Wendy Dupree, Board Chair of the **Citadel Theatre** and Cindy Andrew, Board Chair of **CKUA Radio Network**.

Selected this year by the Rozsa Awards Jury out of several exemplary nominations from across the province, these candidates stood out for their transformational leadership, moving their organizations forward through innovation and outstanding management.

### The 2019 Rozsa Awards Shortlist

#### **Rozsa Award for Excellence in Arts Leadership**

Sara Leishman, Calgary Folk Festival

Brendan Lord, Choir Alberta

Carol Holmes, Writer's Guild of Alberta

#### **Rozsa Award for Excellence in Board Leadership**

Tara Owen, Alberta Craft Council

Wendy Dupree, Citadel Theatre

Cindy Andrew, CKUA Radio Network

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## ABOUT THE ROZSA AWARDS

Created in 2002 to honour the philanthropic efforts of Drs Ted and Lola Rozsa, the Rozsa Awards is an annual event recognizing and supporting the individual and collective excellence of arts managers, board chairs and their organizations. The awards were initially created to address the realities of those who found themselves “behind the scenes” who typically have had no official arts management training or support. To address these realities, the **Rozsa Award for Excellence in Arts Management** was created to celebrate arts administrators and to make the field more attractive for future leaders.

Building on the Rozsa Award for Excellence in Arts Management, the **Rozsa Award for Excellence in Board Leadership** was created in 2019 to recognize the contributions of arts boards with an emphasis on the role of the board chair.

Unique in Canada, the Rozsa Awards are highly sought-after prizes because of the value and variety of benefits they provide. Through the provision of a monetary prize, public profile, and educational and professional development opportunities thanks to our valued partnerships; the Rozsa Awards combine recognition of individual excellence and support for the recipients’ arts organizations.

Thanks to our generous partners including the **Alberta School of Business at the University of Alberta, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, CKUA Radio Network, GOOD Company, Roadwest Pictures, Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, Ross W Marsh Consulting, Transcend Management Advisors Inc and Vital Business Systems**, as well as all other valued partners over the past 16 years, to date, the Foundation has distributed over 1 million dollars in benefits to our award recipients and their organizations across Alberta.

The **Rozsa Awards Celebration** announcing the recipients for the Rozsa Awards for Excellence in Arts Management and Board Leadership will be held on **Monday, October 28, 2019**.

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