

Edmonton seeks 5th Poet Laureate

Edmonton – Edmonton Public Library, the City of Edmonton and the Edmonton Arts Council have put out the call for Edmonton's fifth Poet Laureate.

Edmonton's Poet Laureate reflects the life of the city through readings of poetry, and, as an ambassador for the literary arts, the Laureate incorporates poetry into a range of official and informal city activities.

"Edmonton's Poet Laureate program has simply become part of our identity as a city that celebrates arts and culture and is open and inviting to the creative process," said Mayor Stephen Mandel. "Our Poets Laureate have brought diverse backgrounds and interests to the program but have all represented the same passion for Edmonton, our people, our history, and our future. The alumni have certainly set high standards for their successors, but we are truly privileged to have a wealth of extraordinary poets to take on the Poet Laureate role and make it their own."

Edmonton's current Poet Laureate is Anna Marie Sewell. Anna Marie is an established poet who has been actively involved in the city's poetry scene for more than 20 years, earning respect and acclaim from her colleagues and peers around the literary world.

The next Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2013.

The deadline for nominations is 4:30 pm, Wednesday, May 29, 2013. Nomination forms are available for download from the Edmonton Arts Council at www.edmontonarts.ca/eac_projects/poet_laureate or by emailing poetlaureate@edmontonarts.ca

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The Edmonton Arts Council is a not-for-profit organization that supports and promotes the arts community in Edmonton. The EAC works to increase the profile and involvement of arts and culture in all aspects of our community life.

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