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## Governor General's Awards Winners Announced

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The Canada Council for the Arts today announced the winners of the 2016 Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts.

The awards carry a \$25,000 cash prize and recognize outstanding career achievement.

The 2016 winners are:

[Edward Burtynsky](#), photographer, Toronto

[Wanda Koop](#), visual artist, Winnipeg

[Suzy Lake](#), visual artist, Toronto

[Mark Lewis](#), media artist, London, U.K.

[William \(Bill\) Vazan](#), visual artist, Montreal

[Marnie Fleming](#), curator, Toronto (Outstanding Contribution Award)

[Philip Hoffman](#), filmmaker, Mount Forest, Ont.

[Jane Kidd](#), textile artist, Salt Spring Island, B.C. (Saidye Bronfman Award)

The awards ceremony and a presentation of the medallions by Governor General David Johnston will take place at Rideau Hall on March 23.

"The Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts celebrate Canada's leading artists and most dedicated supporters of the arts," said Johnston in a release. "Each laureate has a unique visual language that enriches our culture and strengthens our nation. These awards highlight Canada's long tradition of recognizing and encouraging talent, creativity and dedication."

On March 24, the National Gallery of Canada will open its 2016 #GGArts exhibition featuring selected works by this year's winners. The exhibition will run until September 5.

Philip Hoffman's films will also be screened in their original 16-mm format at a special screening at Ottawa's Arts Court Theatre on March 22.

The Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts are funded by the Canada Council for the Arts.