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WON LEE PRIZE 2025

Nomination Package

Deadline: September 17th, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. MST





National accessArts Centre x Won Lee Prize

Summary

The National accessArts Centre (NaAC) is pleased to announce the third annual NaAC x Won Lee Prize. In partnership with the family of the late artist Won Lee, the award commemorates Won Lee's legacy and celebrates creative excellence among Canadian visual artists living with developmental, physical, and/ or acquired disabilities. This year's winner will be awarded a \$3,000.00 CAD cash prize in addition to travel and accommodation in Calgary, Alberta for the award ceremony in October 2025. The NaAC will accept written applications, video applications, or audio applications; If none of these options are accessible please reach out to the Programs and Exhibitions Lead, Morgan Possberg Morgan.possberg@accessarts.ca and we can find an accessible application option together.

To be nominated for the Won Lee Prize, artist nominees must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a Canadian resident identifying as having a developmental, physical, and/ or acquired disability.
- Be a practicing, emerging, or mid-level career artist working in a visual art medium.
- Be 18 years of age or older.

Nominations for the Won Lee Prize will be accepted from arts administrators, educators, scholars, critics, curators, or other established arts professionals. Artists are also welcome to self-nominate; and this may be done either by the artist or with the assistance of a peer, caregiver, or support worker.

To better support nominated artists, self-nominating artists, and nominating arts professionals, NaAC will host online drop-in information sessions during the months of August and September. For more information or to participate in a session, please see our website.

After an initial review of applications, an independent jury of arts professionals from across Canada will select the prize winner. The 2025 NaAC x Won Lee Prize recipient will be announced and honoured at a prize ceremony in Calgary, Alberta this October.

Artist Application Guidelines

Completed application packages must include:

- A nomination form signed by the self-nominating artist.
- A nomination statement on why the artist feels they should be considered for the prize (500 words max.)
- An artist bio (200 words max.)
- An artist statement (200 words max.)
- The artist's CV
- Maximum 10 support images of the artist's artwork from within the last 5 years (complete with image details: title, year, size, medium, image credit)
- Artist headshot (complete with image credit)
- A signed media consent form

Please submit complete nomination packages by email to:
submissions@accessarts.ca

SUBMISSIONS OPEN:

Friday, August 8th, 2025

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:

Wednesday, September 17th, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. MST

NOTIFICATIONS:

Beginning of October, 2025

AWARDS CEREMONY:

October 30, 2025 in Calgary, AB

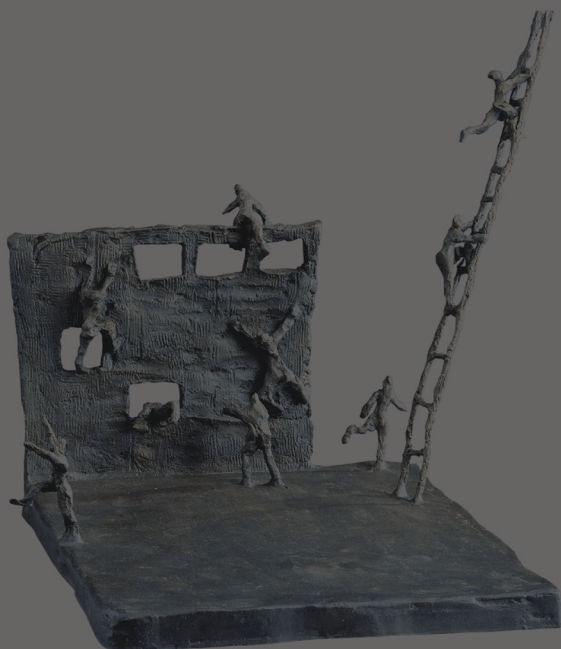
Self Nomination + Nomination Form

Artist Nominee / Self-Nominator

First/ Last Name	
Pronouns	
Main Telephone	
Alternate Telephone	
Email address	
Complete Address	

Nominator (do not fill out if self-nominating)

First/ Last Name	
Pronouns	
Main Telephone	
Alternate Telephone	
Email address	
Organization (if applicable)	
Affiliation to the Canadian Arts and Culture Sector	



Please include the following in your nomination package:

1. **Self-Nomination + Nomination Statement** – If you are a self-nominating artist, please tell us why you think you should be considered for the Won Lee prize; you may want to include some of your key artistic achievements or other important reasons you think you should be considered. (500 words max.)
If you are the nominator, please tell us why you're nominating this artist and why they should be awarded this prize. You may include some of their key artistic achievements or other important reasons for the nomination (500 words max.)
2. **Self Nominating / Nominee's Artist Bio** (200 words max.)
3. **Self Nominating / Nominee's Artist Statement** (200 words max.)
4. **Self Nominating / Nominee's CV**
5. **Support Images** Maximum of 10 images. Please include title, year, size, medium, and image credit for each image.
6. **Self Nominating / Nominee's Headshot**

Declaration of Artist Nominee

As a nominee for the National accessArts Centre x Won Lee Prize:

- I am a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada.
- I identify with having a developmental, physical, and/ or acquired disability.
- I am 18 years of age or older.
- I have reviewed the contents of this nomination package, and all the information is correct and accurate.
- I give permission to the National accessArts Centre and 3rd party media partners (for example, the newspaper) to use my name, headshot, images, and details about me as an artist/ my artwork in publications, catalogues, on websites, in social media, and in all other aspects of publicity related to the NaAC x Won Lee Prize.
- I give permission to the National accessArts Centre to share all the information included in my nomination package with the prize jury.
- I agree to participate in the award ceremony in October 2025 if I am selected for this award.
- **If I am selected for this award, I agree to keep the results confidential until they are officially announced at the award ceremony.**

If you have any questions about this nomination package or the NaAC x Won Lee Prize, please contact submissions@accessarts.ca

Name of Artist	
Signature	
Date	

