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2024 City of St. Albert Poet Laureate call for nominations is open

ST. ALBERT – Nominations for St. Albert’s Poet Laureate are now open and will be accepted until end of day on Friday, March 1, thanks to a continuing partnership between St. Albert Public Library and The City of St. Albert. The Poet Laureate Committee welcomes nominations of all poets who live, work or play in St. Albert and who are over the age of 16.

The Poet Laureate, “the people’s poet,” is an honorary position with a term of two years. During that term, the Laureate will be recognized as a cultural and literary ambassador, act as a champion for poetry, language, and the arts, and represent the City as Laureate during readings at civic functions and public poetry events. The Poet Laureate will receive an annual honorarium of \$1,000.

Mayor Cathy Heron says, “This year’s Poet Laureate will have big shoes to fill. Lauren Seal’s work with the community over the past two years has set the standard for ways that culture and poetry connect within our city. I look forward to seeing the quality of nominees this recruitment brings and am eager to enjoy the next two years under a renewed vision for the role.”

Nominations will be accepted online until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, March 1. Nominees will have until Monday, March 11 to submit their required documents and forms.

Visit www.sapl.ca/poetlaureate for more information and to make your nomination.

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