

HAMILTON GALLERY  
OF DISTINCTION AWARDS  
- 2019 -

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**PAYMENT**

Tickets: \$97.50 each | Corporate Table of 10: \$925.00

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheque Enclosed (Please make all cheques payable to  
Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.)

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Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating is pre-assigned | Floor plan available at reception

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HAMILTON  
GALLERY  
OF DISTINCTION



The Hamilton Gallery of Distinction is a unique institution that exists to recognize and celebrate Hamilton's most distinguished citizens both past and present. In 1984, as part of the Hamilton Home-coming project, the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction was created under the stewardship of a volunteer board of directors. To date, our community has celebrated the accomplishments of 224 outstanding individuals.

The portraits and biographies of all inductees along with this year's recipients are featured in the Gallery of Distinction display on the third floor of the Hamilton Central Library.

Nominations are received from the general public, and a panel representing the community is convened each year to select inductees.

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AN INVITATION

## PRESENTING THE 2019 HAMILTON GALLERY OF DISTINCTION INDUCTEES



### GORDON CARRUTH

Gord Carruth has earned distinction as an educator and respected theatrical director, writer and composer. Carruth served for more than three decades as a teacher, vice-principal and principal at secondary

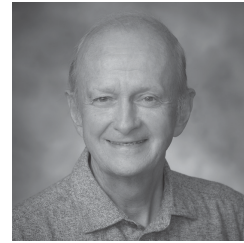
schools throughout the city, including his beloved Delta. He also coached football and directed high school theatrical productions. His advocacy for young people's engagement in theatre led to his appointment as a founding member of the Hamilton Place board of directors, where he soon became chair. Carruth earned public recognition as co-author of *I Am Not a Legend*, the show about legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi. He has written nine major Canadian musicals that have reached audiences across Canada and internationally. Carruth's writing earned him an ACTRA award of excellence in 1985 and he is the founder of Maple Leaf Theatre Productions, a non-profit organization dedicated to growing Canadian theatre.



### DR. GORDON GUYATT, O.C.

Dr. Gordon Guyatt, O.C., has been critically important to establishing McMaster University and Hamilton as the birthplace of evidence-based medicine, which the *British Medical Journal* ranked as one

of the most influential and important advancements in modern medical history. A celebrated physician, researcher, professor, mentor and advocate, Guyatt's achievements include the publication of more than 1,200 peer-reviewed articles, which have been cited more than 130,000 times, making him the 14th most cited scientist in the world. Guyatt's teaching, research and advocacy for high-quality universal health care have improved medicine and medical education around the world, and earned him numerous national honours, including the Order of Canada and a place in the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.



### DON MCLEAN

Don McLean is a lifelong environmentalist and advocate for open government whose service to Hamilton has had a profound influence.

A co-founder of Environment Hamilton, McLean chaired Friends of Red Hill Valley from 1992 to 2003. He is also a former board member of the Hamilton Naturalists' Club, former vice-chair of the Bay Area Restoration Council and was named Hamilton's Environmentalist of the Year in 1997. McLean is a co-founder of Citizens at City Hall, which closely monitors and reports on developments in Hamilton civic affairs. Today, the bicycle-riding McLean serves with the Hamilton 350 Committee, part of an international grassroots network advocating for action on climate change. In the course of his community and environmental work, McLean earned a master's degree in environmental studies.



### JUDITH MCCULLOCH

Judith McCulloch is a highly regarded community leader in Hamilton and across Canada, perhaps best known as the first professional director of the Hamilton Community Foundation. McCulloch

established herself as a national leader in her field, providing guidance and mentorship to fledgling associations in Toronto, London, Kitchener and Ottawa, and ultimately helping with the creation of Community Foundations of Canada. McCulloch has also served as a volunteer on nearly 20 community non-profit boards and major projects, spanning a huge range of sectors, including the arts, social services, health care, the environment, recreation, women's leadership and neighbourhood engagement. Today, her service continues as a founding director of Hamilton Third Age Learning, a non-profit organization that promotes lifelong learning for retired and semi-retired people.



### IRMA BARBARA PATRICIA (PAT) SAUNDERS

Patricia Saunders is an extraordinary Hamilton volunteer, contributing more than 60 years' service and leadership to the community, focusing on women's well-

being, civic engagement, mental health and local heritage. A McMaster graduate, Saunders was a founding member of the first Women's Centre in Hamilton, a member of the Hamilton Status of Women Committee, and a founding member of the Hamilton branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. She was the first woman chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth Police Services Board. She continues to play an active role with local history and heritage groups including the Women's Canadian Club, Friends of Auchmar, the Hamilton-Wentworth Heritage Association and the Binbrook Women's Institute to name but four. A social worker with the Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital, Saunders helped establish the East End Mental Health Clinic, now part of St. Joseph's Urgent Care Centre on King Street East.



### BERTHA SKYE

Bertha Skye is a valuable and influential leader at a critical time. Her service to students, faculty and staff members as an Indigenous elder at Mohawk College, McMaster University and Sheridan College, her

award-winning work as a chef, and her heartfelt efforts to achieve genuine reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities have earned her wide respect. Skye was born in northern Saskatchewan where she began to hone her passion for traditional cooking. At the age of 17 she began her culinary career as a cook for the Prince Albert Residential School. At the 1992 World Culinary Olympics, Skye competed on a team of Indigenous chefs that won 11 medals, including the Grand Gold Medal. Skye moved to Six Nations of the Grand River more than 60 years ago, after marrying her husband Hubert. For most of the last decade she has served as an elder at Mohawk College, McMaster University and Sheridan College, helping Indigenous students navigate their way to success, often through significant challenges.

## HAMILTON GALLERY OF DISTINCTION - 2019 - AWARDS DINNER



**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

LiUNA Station

360 James Street North, Hamilton

Cocktail Reception | 5:30 p.m.

Dinner | 6:30 p.m.

*Business Attire*

**Please join us at the 36th annual awards dinner to honour Hamilton Gallery of Distinction Inductees for 2019.**

The Hamilton Gallery of Distinction Awards Dinner is an evening of recognition at the highest level of honour. The Gallery strives to honour and celebrate prominent individuals both present and past, who through their lifetime achievements have brought outstanding credit to the City of Hamilton.

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