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## Arts and Cultural Trust Announces 7th Annual Fête- Celebrating Excellence in the Arts With Special Guest Artist Emily Bear

A vibrant arts and cultural scene is essential to the quality of life and economic growth of a community. The Fête recognizes those organizations, businesses, individuals and events that make our cultural scene what it is.

Named in recognition of Mayor Ardell F. Brede's enduring support of the Arts in our community, the *Ardee Awards* honor the very best in the visual and performing arts and the humanities, as well as those whose support through leadership, education, and collaboration have had a significant impact on these endeavors.

The Trust has commissioned Nicholas Legeros, a renowned Minnesota sculptor, to cast in bronze the "*Ardee*" Award.

The Fete 2018 honored Mayor Ardell F. Brede for his 16 years of service to the community, particularly the arts community. With positive reaction to that event's format, the Trust has decided to retain and expand upon the format by naming the Ardee Award recipients in advance and presenting a concert by an LA-based, world-renowned artist with Rochester ties.

The Trust is honored to recognize the recipients of the 2019 *Ardee Awards* who embody Excellence in the Arts:

- ◆ Mayor's Award for Public Art- Art4Trails
- ◆ Excellence in Arts Education-Southeastern MN Youth Orchestras
- ◆ Outstanding Youth in Arts – Emily Lin Deng
- ◆ Outstanding Greater Rochester Arts- Winona Symphony Orchestra
- ◆ Outstanding Artist- Doug Sween
- ◆ Outstanding Champion for the Arts- John Sievers
- ◆ Outstanding Community Partnership for the Arts- Mayo Clinic
- ◆ Leadership in the Arts- Maestro Jere Lantz

The Trust is also honored to present as our special guest artist, **Emily Bear in concert**. Emily is an LA-based, internationally acclaimed, award-winning artist who is a Pianist, Composer, Singer, Songwriter in the fields of pop, jazz, classical and film-scoring.

She began composing at age 4. At age 5 she was the youngest performer ever to take the stage at the famed Ravinia Festival in Chicago. At age 6 she was a regular guest on the Ellen DeGeneres show and performed at the White House. And at age 7 Quincy Jones took her under his wing and produced her first album called Diversity in 2013. (Her biography is attached.) And she is still in her teens!

With an international following, she also has Rochester roots as her father, Dr. Brian Bear, trained as a fellow in orthopedic hand surgery at Mayo Clinic and her mother, Andrea Bear, an accomplished professional singer/actress, performed the role of the Narrator in the Rochester Civic Theatre's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Mark your calendars now for The Fête, which will be held on **Tuesday, October 22, 2019** at 7:00 pm in the Mayo Civic Center's Dr. Charles H. Mayo Presentation Hall. Tickets are \$90 VIP (includes a 5:30-6:45 pm pre-event private reception at the Rochester Civic Theatre with hors d'oeuvres, wine, a complementary CD and meet and greet with Artist Emily Bear); \$35 Adult and \$20 Student (K-College).

**Tickets can be purchased beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>** online at [www.mayociviccenter.com](http://www.mayociviccenter.com) or **in person** at the Mayo Civic Center box office.

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