

Glass Artist Receives Order of Canada



Glass artist Sarah Hall was formally invested into the Order of Canada by Her Excellency Governor General Mary Simon at a ceremony at Rideau Hall on October 26, 2023. Hall is the first woman glass artist to receive the Order of Canada. Her admission into the Order was based on her exceptional contributions to the field of architectural glass and her environmental innovations in solar glass and bird-friendly prototypes. Over a forty-year career Hall has created nearly a thousand windows in Canada, the US, and Europe, for a variety of institutions including schools, embassies, churches, cathedrals, colleges, and libraries. Sarah Hall studied in Canada and the United Kingdom before establishing her own studio in Toronto, Canada in 1980.

Citation read during the Order of Canada Investiture:

“Sarah Hall’s architectural stained glass and solar installations adorn some of the world’s most illustrious structures. For more than 40 years, her large-scale projects have figured prominently on our national landscape and are acclaimed by international audiences. Her famous Sanctuary windows in Saskatoon have been compared to the great Gothic cathedrals of Europe and are equally admired for their ability to convert solar energy into electricity. At the vanguard of her art form, she has also developed a prototype for bird-friendly glass.”

Quote:

“The Order of Canada ceremony at Rideau Hall was breathtaking. To be in the same room hearing the extraordinary accomplishments of my fellow Canadians was both humbling and inspiring.”

