

17th Annual | Appreciation Award Recipients

The Appreciation Award acknowledges an individual and organization that has made a significant contribution to Downtown Vancouver

Individual Category

David Podmore

is the current President & Chief Executive Officer of Concert Properties, an award-winning diversified real estate development company that he co-founded with Concert Chair Jack Poole in 1989.



Throughout his more than 33 years in the real estate development industry, David has been actively involved in the community, both professionally and personally. David currently serves as the Chair of the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion Project (VCCEP) and Chair of the BC Pavilion Corporation (PavCo), is a Director of Borealis BC Labs Inc., is Vice President of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) Foundation and Immediate Past President of the Urban Development Institute of BC.

David's leadership in both developing downtown as an attractive place to live and championing downtown amenities, such as BC Place Stadium, have changed the landscape of downtown and will continue to impact its future growth and development.

Holt Renfrew's investment in and the opening last year of a new Vancouver flagship location on Granville Street has been instrumental in starting a revitalization of that section of Granville. In-store promotions and events attract thousands of patrons to the downtown core and celebrity appearances and connections add an exciting twist to the area's profile, providing spin-off benefits for other businesses.

Art Jones Lifetime Achievement Award

In 2007, the Art Jones Lifetime Achievement

Award was established to recognize a deserving Vancouver recipient and to honour his or her life-long contributions in a specific field (i.e., entertainment, arts, sports, academia, business). It was named after a founder of the DVBCA and constant promoter of Vancouver, Art Jones, who passed away in 2006.



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This year's award will be presented to award winning global architect and Vancouver native, **Arthur Charles Erickson**, current principal of Arthur Erickson Architectural Corporation.

As both architect and professor, Erickson has contributed much to the architectural community. His local works include Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, The Museum of Anthropology at UBC, the Provincial Law Courts in Downtown Vancouver, the Scotiabank Dance Centre, Robson Square Complex, the Vancouver Art Gallery, the MacMillan Bloedel Building, the Evergreen Building in Coal Harbour, and the Waterfall Building in False Creek.

Arthur is currently working on what will be the second Ritz-Carlton in Canada located at 1133 W. Georgia Street and The Erickson, a luxury condominium development in South False Creek.

Arthur is a passionate advocate of cultural awareness, and a fervent explorer of human and natural environments. His remarkable contributions and innovative design have contributed greatly to the beautification and livability of our City.

Organization Category

Established in 1993, **Holt Renfrew** was recently recognized by the National Post as one of Canada's 50 Best Managed Companies, employing 2,200 people across Canada. Holt Renfrew credits its success to delivering on its vision: 'to be universally recognized as the best shopping experience because of its gorgeous fashions, entertaining stores and amazing service.'

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