



REVISED Member Motion

City Council

Notice of Motion

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| MM11.12 | ACTION | | | Ward:All |
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Promoting the Legacy of Glenn Gould and supporting the development of the Glenn Gould Prize - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Economic Development Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Joe Cressy, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse the efforts of the Glenn Gould Foundation to increase the visibility of the Glenn Gould Prize and to promote Toronto as a centre of artistic excellence, innovation and arts-based humanitarian endeavors that celebrate, inspire and transform lives.

Summary

Glenn Gould (1932 – 1982) was one of Canada's greatest musicians, a renowned pianist, a seminal interpreter of the music of J.S. Bach, as well as an original thinker, composer, writer, radio producer, and broadcaster. The Glenn Gould Studio at the CBC Headquarters, the Glenn Gould School at the Royal Conservatory of Music, and numerous films, plays, and awards are a testament to the influence and admiration for this Toronto-born genius.

The Glenn Gould Prize honors artistic excellence and is awarded to an individual for a unique lifetime contribution that has enriched the human condition through the arts. This prestigious prize includes amongst its laureates: Philip Glass (2015); Robert Lepage (2013); Leonard Cohen (2011); Yo-Yo Ma (1999); and Oscar Peterson (1993). The Glenn Gould Prize promotes the vital connection between artistic excellence, its ability to inspire others, and the transformation of lives. The motto of the Prize is "From Celebration to Inspiration to Transformation".

The City of Toronto has sponsored the Protégé Award for the Glenn Gould Prize since 1993. The Glenn Gould Foundation seeks the support of City Council to increase the profile of the Prize so that it becomes the world's universally recognized and preeminent award for artistic excellence. As Toronto promotes its reputation as a music City and a global creative capital,

this Motion demonstrates the City's support of the objective of The Glenn Gould Foundation to make the Glenn Gould Prize the world's preeminent award for artistic excellence, innovation and arts-based humanitarian endeavor.

Background Information (City Council)

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<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-86355.pdf>