

## **Wirth Institute** **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Community Legacy Awards**

The Wirth Institute for Austrian and Central European Studies is one of the leading centers for Central European Studies in North America, and the only such institution in Canada. Our mandate is to cultivate, sponsor and encourage scholarship on Central European subjects across a broad range of disciplines within the University of Alberta Faculty of Arts and to raise the profile of Central Europe and Central European Studies in Canada.

We are located in Edmonton, Alberta; a province where nearly 25% of residents claim to have some Central European roots. Canada is a multicultural nation of indigenous peoples and immigrants. It is a country, which has been referred to by many as a nation of immigrants. Indeed, Statistics Canada projects that the proportion of foreign-born citizens will exceed 25% by 2031. It is a significant number unmatched by any other western nation. This not only makes our country unique, but is also an important aspect in the shaping of Canadian values, identity and nation building.

The Wirth Institute understands the importance of our immigrant communities and values their unique contributions to the Canadian cultural mosaic. We work closely with all of our community partners through many of our outreach programs and have been privileged over these past 20 years to receive the support of so many of our local organizations as well as individuals in our community. The Community Legacy Awards are our way of giving back and honouring these important partnerships and relationships.

**Goal of the Legacy Awards:** The awards are intended to support any individual or community based project(s), which capture and celebrate the immigrant experience theme. The main aim of the awards is to benefit, highlight and/or honour the immigrant communities as well as their individuals, and their experiences in Canada. Some of the possible project ideas include:

- art installations
- language school libraries
- publications and/or recordings
- performances

**Award amounts:** One Award Valued at **\$2000** and One Award Valued at **\$5000** from each of the Wirth Countries (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia).\*

**Criteria and Application:** Awards are intended, in first order, for communities and/or residents of Alberta. We request that you do not apply for projects that are recurring and otherwise receive regular funding from other sources. Please submit a maximum 500-word project description along with a biography or information about your organization. You also need to include a brief budget summary explaining how you intend to use the funds.

Please e-mail all of the above to: [wirth.institute@ualberta.ca](mailto:wirth.institute@ualberta.ca)

Deadline: **August 23rd, 2018**

Winners will be selected and notified on Tuesday, **August 28th** and invited to participate in the **20th Anniversary Banquet of the Wirth Institute on August 31st.**

\* The Wirth Institute reserves the right to adjust the award amounts as necessary based on the applications received.