



The purpose of The Port Theatre Society is to stimulate and enhance artistic, cultural, and economic activity of central Vancouver Island. At the Port Theatre they host 110,000 people each year to enjoy a variety of cultural performances and events. Through their partnerships and their programming, the Port Theatre has established itself as a community gathering place, a place of tolerance, and creativity. With

over 200 volunteers, they have one of the largest volunteer rosters in Nanaimo. Together, their staff and volunteers help to ensure they are the community's home for artistic and cultural performers, and audiences throughout central Vancouver Island.



The Port Theatre is honoured and thrilled to be the recipient of the 2019 Arts &

Entertainment Nanaimo Business Award. "The timing couldn't be better as we just celebrated our 20th year!"

The positive impact of winning this award is raising awareness that the Port Theatre is a non-profit organization built by the determination and hard work of this dedicated community. Since opening their doors in 1998, innumerable volunteers, staff, their boards of directors, individuals, corporations, non-profits, local, provincial and federal governments and their deepest partner, the City of Nanaimo, have supported the arts and culture at the Port Theatre.

They have grown to host almost 250 events a year, this is truly a place for everyone! Being recognized by the Nanaimo Chamber also acknowledges they're running a successful business, providing well-paid local jobs and contributing substantially to the growing success of the downtown core. The Port Theatre also provides an extensive diversity of events and programs, allowing citizens to have meaningful arts experiences without leaving their hometown as well as attracting many out of town visitors for some of their unique programs.

Check out their website at www.porttheatre.com, like them on Facebook at The Port Theatre, or follow them on Twitter at @porttheatre!

