

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – 2026 PRIX POWERHOUSE

La Centrale celebrates the tenth edition of the Prix Powerhouse! Until **February 9, 2026 (11:59 om EST)**, you can nominate through the form below an artist to be the laureate of the prize.

The **PRIX POWERHOUSE** is a 10 000\$ biennial recognition award shared between two Montréal artists to celebrate their artistic journey. It is destined to women and gender-diverse artists* who have reached the mid-stage in their career and contribute in a significant way to Montréal's cultural life. This award honours artists who continue their work by remaining committed in their approach. La Centrale would like to recognize the generous contribution of the anonymous donor who, since 2011, has made this prize possible.

The award is in line with La Centrale's mandate to promote feminist artistic practices and to support underrepresented artists in dominant cultural institutions. The centre is a platform for contemporary art carried by feminisms, intersectionality and social justice.

The artist must be nominated by a third party. The person nominating the artist must be the one to fill out the following form: **Submit a nomination - 2026 Prix Powerhouse**.

***The umbrella term "gender-diverse" refers to people whose gender identity expand beyond the binary or exist within and at the intersections of it, such as trans, non-binary, Two-Spirits, gender fluid or agender people (amongst others).*

AWARD OBJECTIVES

- Support mid-staged or established artists
- Recognize the strength and singularity of an artistic practice that is influent, but underrepresented
- Promote the work of two Montréal artists by providing financial support and by holding a joint exhibition at La Centrale
- Celebrate the contribution of artists who identify as women or gender-diverse people.

AWARD DESCRIPTION

- A 5000\$ grant given to each winner;
- A 6-8 weeks joint retrospective exhibition at La Centrale in Fall 2026, with artist fees (CARFAC rates);
- An awards ceremony on the opening night of the exhibition.

NOMINATED ARTIST'S ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The nominated artist should:

- Be an artist aged 37 and over who identifies as a woman or a gender-diverse person
- Be an artist in visual art, media art, audio art, performance (including transdisciplinary and multidisciplinary practices)
- Live in the Greater Montréal Area by the time of the nomination
- Has been pursuing a professional artistic career for at least ten years
- Support an original and influential artistic practice underrepresented in dominant cultural institutions

Please note that the artist must be nominated by a third party. Members of the La Centrale's Board of Directors and workers are not eligible for the award.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Be sure to join a hyperlink to one or more relevant examples of the artist's work (website, Facebook and Instagram page, documentation, press review, etc.)

If no documentation of the artist's work is available online, please send us support documents (image and/or video) to complete your nomination at the end of this form. Identify the documents with the artist's full name, following the suggested form: LastName_FirstName_Powerhouse2026_Image1.jpeg

The deadline for nominations is **February 9, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. EST (submit online through the form above)**.