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**Pierre Coupey and Bobbie Burgers to be honoured at the FANS Tribute to the Arts**

Poet and visual artist Pierre Coupey and Canadian painter Bobbie Burgers will both receive the **2013 Distinguished Artist Award** at the upcoming FANS Tribute to the Arts Event taking place at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art in North Vancouver on Friday, November 8, 2013.



The Fund for the Arts on the North Shore Society (FANS) acknowledges the wealth of artistic talent living on Vancouver's North Shore by honouring local artists who have achieved national and international recognition in their field. Mr. Coupey and Ms. Burgers will join an illustrious list of past FANS Distinguished Artist Award recipients including Douglas Coupland, Nicola Cavendish, Jay Brazeau and Bryan Adams.

Pierre Coupey's career spans five decades and is marked by significant contributions to the Canadian cultural landscape through writing, painting, printmaking and photo work. He was a founding Co-Editor of *The Georgia Straight* and the founding Editor of *The Capilano Review*. He has published several books of poetry, chapbooks and catalogues, and exhibited in solo and group shows nationally and internationally. His work is represented in numerous private collections in Canada, the United States, Japan and Europe, and in numerous corporate, university and public collections across Canada. More information about Mr. Coupey can be found at [www.coupey.ca](http://www.coupey.ca)

Bobbie Burgers was born in Vancouver and received a B.A. in Art History in 1996 from the University of Victoria. Burgers is known for her luscious bouquets, blown up botanicals and pastoral landscapes which focus on sumptuous colour and wild movement. Believing that the tragedy of beauty is its inevitability to fade, she captures that fleeting moment and makes one pause to absorb the wonder of what surrounds us. Burgers' strong, assured brush work and keen sense of colour have been shared with thousands worldwide through exhibitions and books. With over 60 solo exhibitions across Canada, US and Europe, Burgers has attained international stature. More information about Ms. Burgers can be found on her website at [www.bobbieburgers.com](http://www.bobbieburgers.com).

The FANS Tribute to the Arts event will also feature a performance by singer Asha Diaz, one of this year's recipients of the Don S. Williams Grant. Surrounded by the exceptional collection of contemporary art at the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian art, attendees to this year's Tribute event will have the opportunity to meet the artists, taste sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy the cool musical styling's of DJGreenscreen.

FANS Tribute to the Arts  
Friday, November 8, 2013, 7-9pm  
The Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art  
2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver

Tickets: Available through the Centennial Theatre Box Office  
By phone: 604-984-4484  
Online: [www.centennialtheatre.com](http://www.centennialtheatre.com)



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