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## SASKATCHEWAN TOURISM AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FINALISTS

The *Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence* finalists for 2016 are:

### **Business of the Year Award**

#### **(Over 20 Full-time Employees)**

*Sponsored by The Western Producer*

Park Town Hotel, Saskatoon

Regina International Airport, Regina

The Resort at Cypress Hills, Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park

### **Business of the Year Award**

#### **(Under 20 Full-time Employees)**

*Sponsored by Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority*

Harvest Eatery and Fresh Market, Shaunavon

Last Mountain Distillery, Lumsden

Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, Regina

### **Community Event of the Year Award**

*Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Arts Board*

Country at the Creek Music Festival, Big River

Mid Summer's Art Festival, Fort Qu'Appelle

Symphony Under the Sky Festival at Motherwell Homestead, Motherwell Homestead National Historic Site, Abernethy

### **Marquee Event of the Year Award**

*Sponsored by Bell Media Saskatchewan*

Craven Country Jamboree, Craven

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, Saskatoon

Yorkton Film Festival, Yorkton

### **Fred Heal Tourism Ambassador Award**

*Sponsored by Wanuskewin Heritage Park*

Gail Kessler, Cypress Hills Destination Area, Maple Creek

Angela Schmitt, Redwillow Outfitting, Carrot River

Watrous Manitou Marketing Group, Watrous/Manitou Beach



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## **Gil Carduner Marketing Award**

*Sponsored by Phoenix Group*

Cypress Hills Destination Area, Maple Creek

Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Regina

Saskatchewan Fashion Week, Regina

## **Rookie of the Year Award**

*Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football Club*

Café Terra, Eastend

Cowtown Kids Toy & Candy, Maple Creek

Grotto Gardens Country Market, Maple Creek

## **Service Excellence Award**

*Sponsored by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce*

Casinos Regina and Moose Jaw, Regina/Moose Jaw

Regina International Airport, Regina

Skyxe Saskatoon Airport, Saskatoon

## **Tourism Employee of the Year Award**

*Sponsored by Harvard Broadcasting Regina*

Heather Curry, Park Town Hotel, Saskatoon

Kristine Scheller, Cypress Hills Destination Area, Maple Creek

Matthew Growden, Waskesiu Marina Adventure Centre, Waskesiu Lake

## **Tourism Employer of the Year Award**

*Sponsored by Transcontinental Printing*

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Conference Centre, Regina

Park Town Hotel, Saskatoon

Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, Saskatoon

## **Travel Media Award**

*Sponsored by Vendasta*

Ashlyn George, Saskatoon

Jenn Smith Nelson, Regina

Robin and Arlene Karpan, Saskatoon

## **Tourism Builder Award**

*Sponsored by Tourism Saskatchewan*

Trent Fraser, Regina

Irene LeGatt, Saskatoon

Steve McLellan, Regina