

**WORLD CULTURAL COUNCIL
2024 AWARD CEREMONY
Winners' Book
Professor Gary Marquis,
Member of the
World Cultural Council**

Honorable McGill University Provost and Executive Vice-President Christopher Manfredi;

Members of the World Cultural Council, 2024 Laureates; Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am honoured to present the Winners' book on behalf of the World Cultural Council and its Interdisciplinary Committee.

For more than 40 years this book has travelled the world. Each page bears witness to exceptional women and men who have had positive impact on science, arts, and education for the benefit of humanity and who generously share their time, skills, capacities, and vision to promote tolerance, peace and understanding for the well-being of humanity and the environment.

The Winners' book is highly symbolic. It is a legacy to be handed on to the future. The book comprises a compendium of eminent names, of those who have inspired us and encouraged us to go further in our own respective fields.

Every year a new page is signed; a new chapter is written. History is made before our eyes.

I would now like to ask the winner of the 2024 Albert Einstein World Award of Science, Professor Eske Willerslev, to come to the stage to sign the Winners' Book in the presence of our witnesses of honour: Provost Christopher Manfredi and Professor Omar Yaghi.

And now it is my pleasure to ask the winner of the 2024 Leonardo da Vinci World Award of Arts, Novelist and collaborative artist Cónal Creedon, to sign the Winners' Book before our witnesses of honour.

On behalf of the members of the World Cultural Council interdisciplinary jury, I would like to express my congratulations to the laureates.

This signing of the Winners' book also signals a change in our focus. The WCC has recognized the remarkable accomplishments of two laureates. We now turn our attention to the future by recognizing young scholars who are cultivating a hopeful trajectory for the future of science, arts and education.