

ROCKFORD AREA ARTS AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Rockford Area Arts Council, Mayor Thomas McNamara, and Winnebago County Board Chair Frank Haney are pleased to present the Rockford Area Arts Awards (formerly known as the Mayor's Arts Awards). These awards, both a continuation of the that program begun by Mayor John McNamara, and a new beginning for Mayor McNamara, along with Chairman Haney, will honor the exceptional artists, advocates, organizations and arts supporters who reside in our region. The awards ceremony will take place Wednesday, February 21 from 5:00-7:00PM at the Rockford Art Museum. Awards will be given in the following categories: Individual Artist, Arts Advocate, Community Impact, and Creative Arts & Cultural Event. *(Past recipients of Mayor's Arts Awards may be nominated.)*

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Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of the breadth and depth of their work and its impact on the Rockford area (Winnebago and/or Boone County). A peer panel will review nominations based on the four evaluation criteria below.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Individual Artist

Honors an artist whose achievements and commitment to the arts have generated a significant and positive impact on the community over a period of time.

Arts Advocate

Honors an individual whose efforts in advocacy, support, and/or volunteerism in the arts have generated a significant positive impact on the community over a period of time.

Community Impact Award

Honors a business that recognizes the importance of the arts through financial or in-kind support, use of the arts in the workplace, and/or encouragement of employees to volunteer for the arts, or otherwise serves as an advocate for the arts.

Creative Arts & Cultural Event Award

Recognizes an exhibit, performance, festival, series, or special event during the 2016-2017 season (in Winnebago and/or Boone County) which brought heightened visibility to the arts. The nominated event must have occurred sometime between November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017).

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

The Rockford Area Arts Council office must receive your nomination on or before February 1, 2018. Nominees will be listed in the program at the Rockford Area Arts Council's awards ceremony on Wednesday, February 21 from 5-7:00 pm at the Rockford Art Museum.

Nomination Packet should include:

- A completed nomination form.
- Letter from nominator.
- One additional Letter of Support describing your nominee's contributions to the arts in the Rockford area and describing what makes the nominee deserving of an award.
- For Individual Artist Nominee: Include documentation of artistic work: i.e. website link, digital photos, video, etc.

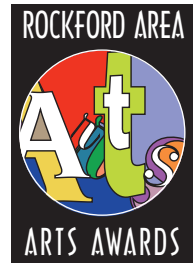
Letters of Support should address, and will be the basis for evaluation for the following*:

- **Artistic Merit:** Describe the artistic medium and the quality of the nominee's work in this discipline.
- **Longevity:** How long has the individual or business served the Rockford metropolitan area? Which institutions has the individual served, and for how long (include teaching appointments, schools attended, boards, volunteer, and/or staff roles)?
- **Breadth of Work:** Describe the projects or causes that the nominee has been involved in. How many individuals or businesses have been served through the nominee's work?
- **Impact:** What impact has the nominee's work or service had on the arts and in our community? How many people were served by the work?

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Award Category *(select one)*

- Individual Artist
- Arts Advocate
- Community Impact
- Creative Arts/Cultural Event

Name of nominee *[Individual Artist, Business, Advocate or Creative Arts/Cultural Event]*

Nominee's Mailing Address

City

State/Zip

E-mail

Nominee's Telephone Number

Day

Evening

Nominator *(your name here)*

Nominator's Address

City

State/Zip

E-mail

Nominator's Telephone Number

Day

Evening

Brief Description of Nominee for program book

Nominator's Checklist

Please check your inclusions:

- Nomination Form (this sheet)
- Nomination Letter (from individual nominating)
- One Letter of Support
- Documentation (for Individual Artist)

To send your supporting materials, you may either email them to info@artsforeveryone.com, send via postal mail to Rockford Area Arts Council, 713 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, or drop them off at our office.

PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Charles E. Box (01)
Helen Brooks (00)
Steven Larsen (99)
Eleanor Stanlis (98)
Dorothy Bock (97)
Deborah Newton (96)
Armer Ahlstrand (95)
Dorothy Paige-Turner (94)
Colleen Holmbeck (93)
Gordon & Mary Ann Smith (92)
Karen Howard (91)
J.R. Sullivan (90)
John McNamara (89)

**1989-2001 only one award given*

INDIVIDUAL ARTS ADVOCATE AWARD

JoAnn Shaheen (11)
Karen Harding (10)
Wendy Fisher (09)
Doug Mark (08)
Richard & Lon Behr (07)
Scott Prine (06)
joan e. kole (05)
Janice Westlund (04)
Marti Frantz (04)
Jerry Kortman & Doc Slafkosky (03)
Richard & Jody Nordlof (02)

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARD

Richard Raether (13)
Alonzo Russell (12)
Mike Webb (11)
Rachel Handlin (10)
Douglas Furze (09)
Robert McCauley (08)
Ingrid Neuhofer Dohm (07)
Stephen Vrtol III (06)
Rod MacDonald (05)
Jim Julin (04)
Jayne Poor (03)
Suzanne Dryer Kaufman (02)

LAWRENCE E. GLOYD COMMUNITY IMPACT

Kevin Jensen (14)
Janet Kjellstrom (13)
Christine Swanberg (12)
Engine Studio (11)
Savant Capital Management (10)
Aqua-Aerobic Systems (09)
Beetcafe.com (08)
WilliamsMcCarthy, LLP (07)
Rockford Health System (06)
Bennie's Cleaners (05)
Marshall Field's (04)
Alpine Bank (03)
Associated Bank (02)
AMCORE Financial, Inc. (01)
OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center (00)
Northern Public Radio (99)

CREATIVE CULTURAL EVENT AWARD

"Reach for the Stars" Rockford Coronado Concert Association (13)
"Rockford Hometown History" Rockford Lutheran School (12)
"Sleeping Beauty" Rockford Dance Company (09)
"Midtown through the Eyes of a Child" Zion Church (08)
"HE & SHE: Vallien and Hydman-Vallien," Rockford Art Museum (07)
"Rockford Celebrates Mozart Collaboration," Rockford Symphony Orchestra (06)
"The Rockford Community Exhibition Series: Screw City & 2020 Visions,"
Rockford Art Museum (05)
"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Rockford Dance Company (04)
"Inside View: Highlights from the Howard University Collection,"
Rockford Art Museum and Rockford Association for
Minority Management (03)
"Wizard of Oz Collaboration" (02)
"Coronado Gala Grand Re-opening" (01)
"Spirit of Rockford Mural," Rockford 2000 Team (00)
"Rockford Area Music Industry Awards" (99)
"Rockford Entertainment League Broadway Shows" (98)
"UnCommon Lives," Rockford College (97)
"Fundamental Soul Exhibit," Rockford Art Museum (96)