

Nomination Information For The 2008 Mayor's Arts Awards

Nominees will be evaluated on the basis of the breadth and depth of their work and its impact on the Rockford area. A peer panel will review nominations based on the five evaluation criteria below. The selection committee includes artists, past award recipients, and community advocates. Please notify the Rockford Area Arts Council of upcoming events related to your nominee/nomination so that we can inform the selection committee and encourage them to attend.

Award Categories

1. **Individual Artist Award:** 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.
2. **Individual Arts Advocate Award:** 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.
3. **Community Impact by a Business Award:** Honors a business which 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.
4. **Exceptional Student of the Arts Award:** Honors a high school-aged student's artistic talent and community involvement in the arts during the student's high school years.
5. **Star Teacher Award:** Honors a teacher, instructor, or arts specialist whose creative use of the arts enriches the learning experience of students.
6. **Creative Cultural Event Award:** Recognizes an exhibit, performance, benefit, festival, series, or special event during the 2007-08 season which brought heightened visibility to the arts. The nominated event must have occurred some time between the date of the previous year's Mayor's Arts Awards nomination deadline through this year's nomination deadline (April 16, 2007 through April 14, 2008). Awards of merit may be awarded to unique, small budget events.

How To Submit A Nomination

Anyone may submit a nomination and may cast nominations in more than one category. Preference will be given to those who have not received a Mayor's Arts Award in the past. You may copy this nomination form. The Rockford Area Arts Council office must receive your nomination on or before April 14, 2008. In celebration of each nominee's work in the arts, they will be featured in a video presentation to be premiered at the Rockford Area Arts Council's Mayor's Arts Awards, Thursday, June 5, 2008.

A complete nomination packet consists of:

- A completed Nomination Form.
- Nomination Letter(s) describing your nominee's contributions to the arts in the Rockford area and describing what makes the nominee deserving of a Mayor's Arts Award. Multiple letters of support will be accepted.
- Digital photos, digital video footage and/or program books. If you are unable to obtain these items prior to submitting a nomination, the volunteer committee will try to gather imagery for the awards evening video.

Evaluation Criteria

Five criteria will be used for evaluation, though not all criteria apply to every award category.

1. **Artistic Merit:** Describe the artistic medium of the nominee. Describe the quality of the nominee's work in this discipline.
2. **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)?
3. **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?
4. **Impact:** What impact has the nominee's work or service had on people, institutions, or causes in our community?
5. **Good Citizenship:** Describe how the nominee has exhibited good citizenship or positive civic participation.

Nomination Form For The 2008 Rockford Area Arts Council's Mayor's Arts Awards

Award Category: (select one)

- Individual Artist Individual Arts Advocate Exceptional Arts Student
 Impact by a Business Event Star Teacher
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Name of Individual Artist, Business, Event, Arts Advocate, Student, or Teacher

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 _____

Day #: _____ Evening #: _____

Nominator's Telephone # With Area Code _____

Please Check Your Inclusions

- Nomination Form (this sheet) Nomination Letter Disk of images and/or video
 Additional Letters of Support (optional) (for awards presentation)
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Submit Your Nomination Packets To:

The Rockford Area Arts Council via hand delivery (mail slot on front door) or the U.S. mail to:
Rockford Area Arts Council
713 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61104
Email: a.naber@artsforeveryone.com
Fax: (815) 963-8958

Questions? Call the Rockford Area Arts Council at (815) 963-6765 or e-mail a.naber@artsforeveryone.com.

This form may be copied or downloaded at: www.artsforeveryone.com

Join us for the awards ceremony
and an evening of entertainment
on Thursday, June 5, 2008.

presented by:

