



LINCOLN ARTS

MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS

Call for Nominations
42nd Annual MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS

Nomination Deadline: Friday, December 13, 2019

MAA 2020 Nomination Information

The Mayor of Lincoln, in cooperation with the Lincoln Arts Council, will formally honor contributions and achievements in the arts at the 2019 Mayor's Arts Awards to be held Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at Pinnacle Bank Arena. You are invited to nominate a project, organization or person for recognition. A panel of community professionals will select the honorees.

Outstanding Arts Organization:

Recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years.

Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts:

Recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts, including theatre & film.

Artistic Achievement Award – Youth:

Recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger.

Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts:

Recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts, including film.

Artistic Achievement Award – Literary Arts:

Recognizes excellence and accomplishment in literary form.

Gladys Lux Education Award:

Recognizes special initiatives or dedication to arts education.

Legacy of the Arts Award:

Recognizes a senior (age 55 and up) actively involved in creating, teaching, sharing or inspiring artistic expression in any discipline.

Heart of the Arts Award:

Recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln.

ArtScene Backstage Award:

Recognizes extraordinary service to the arts through behind-the-scenes efforts.

Outstanding Event Award:

Recognizes a performance, exhibition or project in the previous year (2018) that will be notable in the community memory for years to come because of its content or cultural significance.

Benefactor of the Arts Award:

Honors an individual, family, organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts.

Lincoln Community Foundation Arts for Kids Award:

Honors an individual or organization from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children.

[Submit your nomination using our online form here](#) by December 13, 2019. Please select the category or categories most appropriate for this nominee, however, nominees may be considered for categories other than the one for which they are nominated. Nominees submitted in 2018 that qualify for 2019 consideration are automatically considered and updates to the nominations are welcomed.

MEMORIAL RECOGNITION

Lincoln Arts Council encourages you to submit the name(s) of artists, educators and/or supporters of the arts in Lincoln who have died since the last ceremony in May 2018 for memorial recognition at the Awards. Please include a one-sentence description and photo. Photos will be returned. Photos also may be e-mailed to:

dgonzolas@lincoln.ne.gov

PAST MAYOR'S ARTS AWARD WINNERS

(past 10 years)

MAYOR'S CHOICE AWARD (Selected by the current Mayor of Lincoln)

- 2019 – The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel Artist-in-Residence Program
- 2018 – Francisco Souto
- 2017 – “Puddin’ and the Grumble” by Becky Boesen and David von Kampen and The Grumble Project
- 2016 – “Poverty Not a Choice” from Nebraska Loves Public Schools
- 2015 – Virginia Smith
- 2014 – Kathryn and Marc LeBaron
- 2013- Morris “Magic Slim” Holt
- 2012 - The Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center
- 2011 - Becky Boesen, “In My Daughter’s Name”
- 2010 - Don Burt

ARTS ORGANIZATION AWARD

- 2019 – Capital Jazz Society
- 2018 – The Burkholder Project
- 2017 – Angels Theatre Company
- 2016 – Nebraska Girls Shakespeare
- 2015 – Lincoln Midwest Ballet
- 2014 - Lincoln Boys Choir
- 2013- The Nebraska Brass
- 2012 - Friends of the Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery
- 2011 - MEDICI
- 2010 - Modern Arts Midwest

OUTSTANDING EVENT AWARD

- 2019 – Celebration of Philip Glass
- 2018 – Nebraska By Heart
- 2017 – “Standing Bear – A Ponca Indian Cantata” by Jerod Impichchaachaaha Tate
- 2016 – Illuminating Lincoln: Lighthouse
- 2015 – Penguin Project / Lincoln Community Playhouse
- 2014 – “Heroes Among Us” by Hildegard Center for the Arts
- 2013 – “Gods of the Prairie”/ The Colonel Mustard Amateur Attic Theatre Co.
- 2012 - “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Flatwater Shakespeare
- 2011 - “Textiles and Settlement: From Plains Space to Cyber Space”
- 2010 - Angels Theatre Company: “Reviving Ophelia”

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - VISUAL ARTS

2019 – Santiago Cal
2018 – Shelley Thornton
2017 – Amy Smith
2016 – Karen Kunc
2015 – Wendy Jane Bantam
2014 - Conrad Quijas
2013 – Marjorie Mikasen
2012 - Janice Stauffer
2011 - Judith Burton
2010 - Sharon Vandenack

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - PERFORMING ARTS

2019 – Daniel Kubert
2018 – Jackie Allen
2017 – Richard Nielsen
2016 – Matthew Lukasiewicz
2015 – Courtney Piccoli
2014 - Tom Larson
2013 - Pippa White
2012 - Stephen Gaines
2011 - Dan Stratman
2010 - James Harris

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – YOUTH

2019 – Sarah Nguyen
2018 – Mackenzie Davenport
2017 – Jonah Kelly
2016 – Samantha Payant
2015 – Rachele Merliss
2014 – Katharen Hedge
2013 - Alex Wooten
2012 - Rebecca DeNell
2011 - Madeline Cass
2010 -Will Lepinski

LEGACY OF THE ARTS AWARD

2019 – Tice Miller
2018 – Julia Noyes
2017 – Robert Hall
2016 – Ed Love
2015 - Annette Murrell
2014 – David Fowler (first year)

HEART OF THE ARTS AWARD

2019 – Mayor Chris Beutler
2018 – Peggy Gomez
2017 – Dean Settle
2016 – Laurie Richards
2015 – Carol Rustad
2014 - Marthaellen Florence
2013 - Jean Martin
2012 - Claire Hoppe
2011 - Don Gill
2010 - Janet and Carl Eskridge

BENEFACTOR OF THE ARTS AWARD

2019 – Pearle Francis Finigan Foundation
2018 – Donald Campbell
2017 – Phil Perry
2016 – Glenn Korff
2015 – Mary Riepma Ross
2014 - Friends of the Lied
2013 – Russ’ Market/ B & R Stores
2012 - Robert and Vicki Northrup
2011 - Bets and Larry Frederick
2010 - Pace Woods

LINCOLN COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ARTS FOR KIDS AWARD

2019 – St. Elizabeth Foundation & Anna Alcalde
2018 – Lincoln Children’s Museum
2017 - Kevin Clark
2016 – Teach a Kid to Fish
2015 – Mourning Hope
2014 - Union Bank & Trust Company
2013 – Science of Sound Program/Lincoln Community Learning Centers
2012 - Sarah Lahr
2011 - Jason Schmit
2010 - Doug and Mary Carper

ARTSCENE BACKSTAGE AWARD

2019 – Lynn Johnson
2018 – Eileen Brewster
2017 – Brad Buffum
2016 – Michelle Zinke
2015 – Richard Imig
2014 - Juliana Hagemeyer
2013 - Morrie Enders
2012 - Nancy Dawson
2011 - Bill Stibor
2010 - Jack Saltzman (first year)

GLADYS LUX EDUCATION AWARD

2019 – Jack Parkhurst
2018 – JF International Music Academy
2017 – Robert Hillestad
2016 – Lincoln Music Teachers Association
2015 – Nancy Engen-Wedin
2014 - Art Van deLux
2013 - Joan Reist
2012 - Christin Mamiya
2011 - Ann Gradwohl
2010 - Lincoln Community Playhouse Family Theater

ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD -- LITERARY

2019 – Paul Johnsgard
2018 – L Kent Wolgamott
2017 – Rex Walton
2016 – Twyla Hansen
2015 – Stephen Buhler
2014 - Gil Savery
2013 – Joel Sartore
2012 - Joe Starita
2011 - Jim McKee and Linda Hillegass
2010 - NET Radio: “All About Books”, Charles Stephen

ENERSEN URBAN DESIGN AWARD *(Selected by the Urban Design Committee)*

2019 – The Mill Coffee & Tea
2018 – Centennial Mall Improvements
2017 – P Street District Improvements
2016 – Lincoln Mall Revitalization
2015 – Pinnacle Bank Arena and Associated West Haymarket Redevelopment
2014 - Antelope Creek Village & Fallbrook
2013 - Antelope Valley Project – The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the City of Lincoln
2012 - no recipient
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2010 - Public: Hamann Rose Garden; Private: Lincoln Flats/Bank of the West Alley Project