



West Virginia Division
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The West Virginia Division
of Culture and History
Invites Nominations

for the

2006

Governor's Arts Awards

Nomination Postmark Deadline: December 1st, 2005

Awards Ceremony to be held

April 3, 2006

at the Norman L. Fagan State Theater

The Cultural Center

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PURPOSE

The Governor's Arts Awards are designed to celebrate excellence in various sectors of the arts. The awards focus attention on the importance of the arts to both human and economic development in West Virginia by honoring those who have major creative achievements or have made significant contributions to the state's culture.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominees must be current residents or organizations/corporations based in or doing a majority of business in West Virginia. Members of the selection committee, current WV Commission on the Arts (WVCA) members, West Virginia Division of Culture and History (WVDCH) staff or members of their immediate families are not eligible. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

NOMINATIONS

Nominees must meet the eligibility requirements. The written statement should specifically describe the significance of the nominee's contributions to the arts as defined by the selected category. Nomination packets must be complete upon receipt at the Cultural Center. No supplemental documentation may be sent under separate cover. Nominations not conforming to the guidelines will not be submitted to the Selection Committee. Staff of the WVDCH and their immediate families are prohibited from making nominations.

SELECTION

Award winners will be chosen only from those nominated. The selection panel includes members of the WVCA and representatives from various regions of the state. Based on the quality of the nominations, the selection panel may decide to give more than one award in a category or, conversely, none at all. An independent panel of reviewers will select all Governor's Arts Awards 2006 recipients. All decisions of the panel are final. The panel will recommend the top three scoring nominees in the Distinguished Arts Award category to the Governor for approval. Award winners and those who nominated them will be notified by March 3. For additional information call: Debbie Haught, Community Arts Coordinator at 304-558-4800 ext. 714 or email debbie.haught@wvculture.org.

CRITERIA

Nominations will be judged on the following criteria: No more than a total of twelve single-sided sheets may be submitted.

1) COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM - ONE SINGLE-SIDED PAGE

2) WRITTEN STATEMENT - TWO SINGLE-SIDED PAGES

Attach a typed statement not exceeding two pages on 8 1/2" x 11" paper, which addresses:

- The significance and magnitude of the contributions and achievements of your nominee, as related to the arts. Spell out specifically.
- The range of individuals and groups served by your nominee's contributions. Describe specifically any and all partners or collaborators and the geographic area covered.
- The length of time and intensity of activity dedicated to the arts.
- Specifically indicate the level of excellence in the arts.

3) SUPPORT DOCUMENTS - NO MORE THAN FIVE SINGLE-SIDED PAGES

- Letters of support (Only those letters submitted in the original nomination packet will be considered. Letters arriving separately will not be added to the nomination.)
- Resume or organizational statement of purpose
- Press clippings

4) VISUAL SUPPORT MATERIALS - NO MORE THAN FOUR SINGLE-SIDED PAGES

- No more than three single-sided sheets of printed images
- No more than one page of pertinent web-based resources or links in support of your nominee.

Please submit a two-page written statement describing how your nominee fits the criteria outlined for the category you have selected. BE SPECIFIC. Selection committee members may NOT know your nominee. A clear, concise written statement is very important

Submit **no more** than 5 additional pages of support documents. Support documents may include a resume for individuals or a statement of purpose for organizations, press clippings and/or letters of support. Submit **no more** than four additional pages of visual documentation. A one-page list of web-based resources is an efficient way to provide visual documentation. No original art, books or photo albums will be accepted. Submitted materials will NOT be returned. Total nomination packet should have **NO MORE** than 12 single-sided pages.

MAIL (Postmark deadline of December 1, 2005) OR HAND DELIVER (by 5 p.m. on December 1, 2005) all nominations to: Pat Cowdery, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300

GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS – 2006

Nomination form

Select only one category. For all nominees, the contributions described below should be of exceptional quality and may occur at the local, regional or state level.

_____ **Distinguished Arts Award** for lifetime (at least 20 years) achievement in the arts.

_____ **Arts Patron Award** for outstanding individual or organizational contributions of time, effort or financial resources to the arts.

_____ **Arts in Education or Service to Youth Award** for significant individual or organizational achievements in providing arts education in or out of schools, or arts services to youth.

_____ **Creative Community Spirit Award** for a city, town or community-wide non-arts organization using the arts in a significant way for community development or betterment.

_____ **Arts Leadership and Service Award** for exceptional and visionary individual or arts organizational leadership and service in the arts.

_____ **Artistic Excellence Award** for significant contributions to the arts in West Virginia by either an established or emerging artist.

_____ **Arts Innovator Award** for an individual, group, organization or educator who has successfully executed innovative methods of involving the public in arts experiences.

Please provide the following information:

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail/Website: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail/Website: _____

How long have you known nominee? _____

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