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The West Virginia Division
of Culture and History
Invites Nominations
for the
2008
Governor's Arts Awards

Nomination Postmark Deadline: April 4, 2008
Awards Ceremony to be held
June 9, 2008
at the Norman L. Fagan West Virginia State Theater
The Cultural Center at the State Capitol Complex
Charleston WV

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. The selection panel will select all Governor's Arts Awards 2008 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 May 9th. **For additional information call: Jeff Pierson, Director of Arts at 304-558-0240 ext 717 or email jeff.pierson@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

- 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.

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. Please use at least a 12pt type font when creating nomination materials.

MAIL (Postmark deadline of April 4, 2008) OR HAND DELIVER (by 5 p.m. on April 4, 2008) all nominations to: Rose McDonough, The Cultural Center, 1900 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, WV 25305-0300

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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.

___ **Appalachian Folklife Award in the Arts** recognizes folk artists and/or organizations who have made outstanding contributions to artistic traditions of West Virginia's culture and heritage.

___ **Distinguished Service Award to the Arts** recognizes individuals and/or organizations of exceptional talent and creativity that have contributed to the arts and have fostered growth and influenced trends and aesthetic practices on a state and national level.

___ **Leadership in the Arts** recognizes individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated exceptional leadership and access to the arts throughout the state of West Virginia.

___ **Governor's Arts Award for Lifetime Achievement** for significant achievement in the arts for an individual and/or organization.

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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