



Request for Nominations

2017 Governor's Awards for the Arts

YOU ARE INVITED

On behalf of Governor Tom Wolf, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts invites you to submit nominations for the 2017 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Governor's Awards for the Arts.

Nominations must be postmarked by May 25, 2017.

HISTORY

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are a Pennsylvania tradition, inaugurated in May of 1980, and represent the commonwealth's highest recognition for contributions in the arts. The honorees reflect the excellence and variety of Pennsylvania's cultural landscape and the awards pay tribute to the commonwealth's rich cultural achievements and notable philanthropic traditions.

The 2017 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Awards for the Arts will be presented in a public state ceremony in October.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Distinguished Arts Award

Recognizing a living Pennsylvania artist of international fame, leadership, or renown, or a world class Pennsylvania institution whose creations enrich the commonwealth and its citizens. To be eligible, an artist must have been born in or have significant contacts with Pennsylvania. (Past recipients of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts or the Distinguished Pennsylvania Artist Award are not eligible.)

Patron Award

Recognizing a patron's significant contributions to the vitality and availability of the arts in Pennsylvania. Generally, to be eligible, individual patrons must be living and reside in Pennsylvania.

Arts Leadership & Service

Recognizing an individual or organization for outstanding arts leadership and service. Nominations should detail how the nominee's actions have made a measurable impact, changed things for the better for the arts and cultural community, or created significant benefits. The impact of nominated individuals can be within the context of the state, region, community, artistic discipline, or arts field.

Artist of the Year (The Hazlett Memorial Award)

Recognizing a living individual artist for her or his creations and contributions to the excellence of the arts in Pennsylvania. To be eligible, the artist must currently reside and work in Pennsylvania, but need not have been born in Pennsylvania. (Past recipients of the Hazlett Memorial Award or Artist of the Year Award are not eligible.)

ELIGIBILITY & SELECTION

Generally, to be eligible, the individual must be living and reside in Pennsylvania. Recipients are selected from nominations reviewed and recommended by an advisory panel. Recipients will be notified following selection and must agree to receive the award in person.

HOW TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION

Complete and submit your nomination using the 2017 nomination form. You may submit multiple nominations, but each nomination must be on its own form. The form may be printed, photocopied or reproduced. Please do not send handwritten forms, if possible. DO NOT STAPLE.

Do not submit the same nominee/nomination in multiple categories, as the selection committee will make the final determination of the appropriate category for the nominee.

Individuals may not self-nominate, but may nominate an organization for which they work. Generally, posthumous nominations will not be considered.

Submit Nominations via Mail or Email

Via mail: 2017 Governor's Awards for the Arts Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
216 Finance Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018
Via email: RA-arts@pa.gov

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PAST RECIPIENTS

2014 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Indiana)

Jennifer Higdon – Distinguished Arts Award
Robert Qualters – Artist of the Year
Mark E. Pasquerilla – Patron Award
Myron Hay Tomb, Esq. – Arts Leadership & Service
The Andy Warhol Museum – Arts Innovation

2013 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Harrisburg)

Jerry Pinkney – Distinguished Arts Award
Kathleen Mulcahy and Ron Desmett – Artists of the Year
Beverlee and Bill Lehr – Patron Award
LIVE: Chad Taylor, Patrick Dahlheimer and Chad Gracey – Arts Innovation

2012 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Erie)

Peter Q. Bohlin, FAIA – Distinguished Arts Award
Susan Hale Kemenyffy – Artist of the Year
Tom and Susan Hagen – Patron Award
Bruce Katsiff – Arts Leadership & Service
Jane Golden and the City of Philadelphia
Mural Arts Program - Arts Innovation Award

2010 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Philadelphia)

Charles Dutoit – Distinguished Arts Award
Moe A. Brooker – Artist of the Year
Carole Price Shanis & Joseph Shanis – Patron Award
John Vanco – Creative Community
ArtsQuest – Service to Youth

2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts (York)

Jeff Koons – Distinguished Arts Award
Del McCoury – Artist of the Year
Louis J. Appell, Jr. – Patron Award
Arthur J. Glatfelter – Patron Award
Ridgway Chainsaw Carver's Rendezvous – Creative Community
Caroline S. Nunan – Service to Youth

2008 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Williamsport)

Michael Keaton – Distinguished Arts Award
Phil Woods & the Delaware Water Gap Celebration – Creative Community
Sascha Feinstein – Artist of the Year
Barbara B. Hudock – Patron Award
Taller Puertorriqueño – Leadership in Arts in Education
The PAL Center for the Arts Unit – Service to Youth

2007 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Gettysburg)

Rob Marshall – Distinguished Arts Award
Kathleen Marshall – Distinguished Arts Award
Lorenzo "Rennie" Harris – Artist of the Year
Jennifer and David LeVan – Patron Award
Pike County Arts & Crafts – Creative Community
Marcia Dale Weary – Service to Youth
Settlement Music School – Service to Youth

2006 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Wilkes-Barre)

Nelson Shanks – Distinguished Arts Award
Santo Loquasto – Distinguished Arts Award
The Dixie Hummingbirds – Artists of the Year
Marlene O. "Linny" Fowler – Patron Award
Vernell A. Lillie, Ph.D. – Creative Community
Bradford County Regional Arts Council (BCRAC) – Leadership in Arts Education

2005 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Greensburg)

Marilyn Home – Distinguished Arts Award
Lloyd Alexander – Lifetime Service to Youth
Lonnie Graham – Artist of the Year
Francois Bitz – Patron Award
Arts Sanctuary & Asian Arts Initiative – Creative Community
Sarah Tambucci, Ph.D. – Leadership in Arts in Education

2004 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Reading)

Lang Lang – Artist of the Year
Regina Gouger Miller and Marlin Miller, Jr. – Patron Award
Donna & Al Brown and Point Breeze Performing Arts Center – Creative Community
Carole Haas Gravagno – Service to Youth

2002 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Harrisburg)

M. Night Shyamalan – Distinguished Arts Award
Bob Dorough – Artist of the Year
Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest – Patron Award
Harrisburg Housing Authority – Leadership & Service

2001 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Allentown)

Wolfgang Sawallisch – Distinguished Arts Award
Leon Bates – Artist of the Year
Dexter F. & Dorothy H. Baker Foundation – Patron Award
WHYY, Inc. and its President & CEO William J. Marrazzo – Leadership & Service

2000 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Altoona)

Chaim Potok – Distinguished Arts Award
LaVaughn Robinson – Artist of the Year
Meyer P. and Vivian O. Potamkin – Patron Award
The Heinz Endowments – Patron Award
Lily Yeh – Leadership & Service

1999 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Harrisburg)

Peter Nero – Distinguished Arts Award
Thaddeus Mosley – Artist of the Year
Lois Lehrman Grass – Patron Award
Sunoco, Inc. – Patron Award
William E. Strickland, Jr. – Leadership & Service

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1998 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Philadelphia)
Patti LaBelle – Distinguished Arts Award
Robert Page – Artist of the Year
Bell Atlantic – Patron Award
Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia –
Leadership & Service

1997 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Pittsburgh)
Ken Ludwig – Distinguished Arts Award
Charlotte Blake Alston – Artist of the Year
PNC Bank Foundation – Patron Award
Leon Arkus – Leadership & Service

1996 Governor's Awards for the Arts (Harrisburg)
Paul Winter – Distinguished Arts Award
Tito Capobianco – Artist of the Year
Binney & Smith Inc. – Patron Award
Carol R. Brown – Leadership & Service
Robert Montgomery Scott – Leadership & Service

**Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts,
Humanities and Sciences (1988-1994)**

1994
Lorin Maazel, Arts
Howard Gardner, Humanities
Thomas Starzl, M.D., Sciences

1993
John Edgar Wideman, Arts
David C. McCullough, Humanities
Mildred Cohn, Sciences

1992
Paul Plishka, Arts
A. Leon Higginbotham, Humanities
C. Everett Koop, Sciences

1991
Gary Graffman, Arts
Samuel P. Hays, Humanities
Ronald B. Herberman, M.D., Sciences

1990
August Wilson, Arts
Houston A. Baker, Humanities
Herbert A. Simon, Sciences

1989
Riccardo Muti, Arts
Jerre Mangione, Humanities
Baruch S. Blumberg, Sciences

1988
Judith Jamison, Arts
Sonia Sanchez, Humanities
Ruth Patrick, Sciences

Distinguished Pennsylvania Artists (1980-1986)

1986 – Andrew Wyeth
1985 – Byron Janis
1984 – Bill Cosby
1983 – John Updike
1982 – Marian Anderson
1981 – James Michener
1980 – James Stewart

**Theodore L. Hazlett Memorial Awards for
Excellence in the Arts (1980-1986)**

1986
Lester Breininger, Jr., Crafts
Joan Myers Brown, Dance
Samuel Hazo, Literature
Sidney Goodman, Painting
Edgar Kaufmann, Jr., Service to the Arts
Katherine Minehart, Theatre

1985
Mitchell/Giurogola, Architecture
Anthony Buba, Media Arts
Max Rudolf, Music
Larry Fink, Photography
Charles Fahlen, Sculpture

1984
Stanley Lechtzin, Crafts
Hellmut Gottschild, Dance
Daniel Hoffman, Literature
Dorothy Dressler, Service to the Arts
Charles Fuller, Theatre
Henry Koerner, Painting

1983
Linda Blackaby, Film/Video
Andre Previn, Music
Emmet Gowin, Photography
Jody Pinto, Sculpture
Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown, Architecture

1982
Rudolf Staffel, Crafts
Paul Draper, Dance
Fred Rogers, Film/Video
David Bradley, Literature
George Crumb, Music
Larry Day, Painting
Mark Cohen, Photography
Rafael Ferrer, Sculpture
John Allen, Jr., Theatre
Philip I. And Muriel Berman, Service to the Arts

1981
George Nakashima, Crafts
Barbara Weisberger, Dance
Peter Rose, Film/Video
Paul West, Literature
Vincent Persichetti, Music
Andrew Wyeth, Painting
William Larson, Photography
Selma Burke, Sculpture
Margo Lovelace, Theatre
Gregory Gibson, Service to the Arts

1980
Natale Rossi, Crafts
Arthur Hall, Dance
Dwinell Grant, Film/Video
Gerald Stern, Literature
Eugene Ormandy, Music
Edna Andrade, Painting
Ray K. Metzker, Photography
Harry Bertoia, Sculpture
Dr. Alvina Krause, Theatre
Sondra Myers, Service to the Arts

No awards were presented in 1987, 1995, 2003, 2011,
2015 and 2016, the first years of new gubernatorial
administrations.

**Commonwealth of
Pennsylvania
Tom Wolf, Governor
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on the Arts**

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