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North Dakota Council on the Arts Announces the Governor's Awards for the Arts Call for Nominations

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are biennial awards presented to individuals, organizations, educators, and businesses who consistently strive to better their communities through their commitment to the arts. The Council asks for your assistance in recognizing these people by your submission of nominations for the 2017 Awards.

Nominees are in every community. There are many whose contributions are highly valued by those who know them, but whose deeds often go unnoticed by most. You know them by their commitment, interest, ownership and support; whether behind the scenes or in the forefront. From the business people who give financial support, to the arts organization that presents the arts, to the teacher who finds money to bring the arts to his/her students; look for people who have helped plan, shape and promote your area arts events.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are presented by the North Dakota Council on the Arts, Arts North Dakota and the Governor's Office. Previous recipients have been chosen for their efforts to expand arts opportunities to new audiences, improve the quality of arts experiences, create an appreciation for North Dakota's cultural heritage, and make the arts more central to education and an integral part of community life.

Nominations can be made in the following categories (*please note that not all categories may be awarded, and/or there could be more than one recipient in a single category*):

- Individual achievement (artist, staff, volunteer, administrator)
- Arts organization
- Arts in education (teacher, administrator, school)
- Private business

The nomination deadline is January 13, 2017. All nominations will be reviewed by members of the North Dakota Council on the Arts. Finalists will be forwarded to the Governor's Office for final selection. The awards will be presented at a special public event on March 28, 2017, at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck.

For a nomination form and complete instructions, please visit <http://www.nd.gov/arts/programs/governors-award-for-arts>; or access the form directly at http://www.nd.gov/arts/sites/default/files/PDFs/2017nominationform_0.pdf; e-mail comserv@nd.gov; call 701-328-7592; or write to NDCA, 1600 E Century Avenue, Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58503-0649.

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