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NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS

Springfield, Illinois - The City of Springfield and the Springfield Area Arts Council have announced the opening of the **nomination period for the 20th Mayor's Awards for the Arts**. These awards recognize **outstanding talent in and dedication to the arts in Sangamon and Menard counties, the area served by the Springfield Area Arts Council**. The seven award categories include Individual Visual Artist; Individual Performing/Literary Artist; Arts Organization; Arts Volunteer; Arts Educator; Arts Student; and Business Committed to the Arts.

The deadline for nominations is 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 30, 2019. Nomination forms for the Mayor's Awards for the Arts are available online at www.springfield.il.us and www.springfieldartsco.org. Hard copy nomination packets are available at the reception desks at the Hoogland Center for the Arts box office (420 S. 6th Street), Lincoln Public Library (326 S. 7th Street), Petersburg Public Library (220 S. 6th Street), and Springfield's Municipal Center reception desk (300 S. 7th Street). Packets also can be requested via e-mail at programs@springfieldartsco.org.

There is **no cost to nominate** and there is **no limit to the number of nominations that may be submitted** by a person. However, separate forms must be used for each nomination. Nominations may be submitted for previous nominees who have not been award recipients.

Since the first presentation in 1985, 94 awards have been presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses. **The complete listing of previous winners is below.**

The awards selection committee, appointed by the mayor, will review the nominations and select the award recipients in the designated categories. **The winners will be announced at a ceremony on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. in the LRS Theater at the Hoogland**

Center for the Arts. The winners also will receive artwork created by a commissioned Sangamon or Menard county artist, a tradition of the Mayor's Awards for the Arts program. The public is invited to the ceremony and complimentary reception.

For additional information about the program and nomination process, please call the Arts Council office at 217.753.3519.

MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS PREVIOUS AWARD WINNERS

ARTIST

Kenneth E. Barton, Sr. *
Karen Lynne Deal
Michael Dunbar
Jim Edwards
Jessie Mae Finley *
Deanna Funk
Doug Hahn
Jane Hartman
Joe Hennessy *
Shannon Keith Kelley
Kenneth Kiesler
John Knoepfle
Peter Lynch
Jack Madura
Henry Miles
Grace Luttrell Nanavati
Johnnie Owens
Sheri Ramsey
Helen E. Rilling *

ARTS ORGANIZATION

Active and Creative Teen
Theatre Bells in Motion Eastside Theater **
Great American People Show **
Illinois Central Blues Club
Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site
Liturgical Arts Festival of Springfield
Old Capitol Art Fair
Prairie Art Alliance **
Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony
Springfield Art Association
Springfield Ballet Company
Springfield Comm. Concert Assoc. **

Springfield Muni Opera
Springfield Municipal Band
Springfield Symphony Orchestra/ISO
Springfield Theatre Centre

BUSINESS

Marine Bank/Bank One/Chase Bank
Central Illinois Light Company/Ameren
Family Video
First of America Bank/PNC
First National Bank of Springfield/ US Bank
FloraScape ** - Alison Novak *
Gateway Foundation - Springfield Center
IBM Corporation
Illinois National Bank
Magna Bank/Regions Bank
Persian Rug Center R
obbie's - Archer and Lori Bailey
Springfield Van Lines/Bekins
Trout Lily Cafe ** - Kate Hawkes
UMedia - David Cain
United Community Bank
Watts Copy Systems
WICS-TV WSEC-TV

ARTS EDUCATOR

Joan Burmeister
John T. Crisp, Jr.
Kathy Elmore
Martha Kichinko
Priscilla Kluge
Linda Post-Lucas
Wanda Riseman
Marianne Stremsterfer

Roberta Volkmann

ARTS STUDENT Tania Brodsky

Maggie Day
Richard Kohlrus
Casey Sheehan

VOLUNTEER

Patricia Anderson *
Elaine Birtch
Julie Edwards *
Phyllis Eubanks
Jim Allan Huston
Debi Iams
George King
Mary McDonald
James Murray *
Paul Presney, Jr.
Polly Roesch *
Gene Rubley
Molly Schlich

Devera Victor *
Roanna Victor
Bonnie Wabner *
Carole and Don Walton

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Margaret Boswell
Rosemary Buffington
Hazen * and Roland Folse
Charles and Kathleen Hoogland
Bernadette Nolan
Prairie House **
Security Federal Saving and Loan/
Security Bank
Sangamon Auditorium/
UIS Performing Arts Center
Linda Younkin

**Deceased*

*** No longer in business*