

# Division of the Arts Announces Call for Nominations for the 2019 Governor's Awards for the Arts

**Nominations for individuals and  
organizations in the arts  
will be accepted through June 28**

Wilmington, Del. (May 15, 2019) – Delaware's Governor's Awards for the Arts recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions and a lasting and profound impact on the artistic and cultural life of Delaware.

Nominees should be individuals with legal residence in Delaware or an organization or business based in Delaware. Division staff, Arts Council members, members of their families and previous recipients are not eligible for nomination. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

A late afternoon [reception and awards ceremony](#) will be held on October 28, 2019, in conjunction with the Delaware Arts Summit. Awardees will be selected by the Governor's Awards Selection Panel, comprised of arts professionals from across the state.

Nominations are now being accepted until **June 28, 2019** for these prestigious awards in the following categories:

*Arts Administration – Individual who has shown sustained, impactful, and visionary executive leadership of an arts*

*organization.*

**Arts Education** – *Individual or organization that has made significant contributions through leadership and creativity to advance arts education in Delaware’s schools and communities, or in community organizations.*

**Arts Patron** – *Individual, foundation or entity that, over time, has sustained and enhanced the arts in their community or the state of Delaware through contributions of their time, effort, or financial resources.*

**Community Engagement** – *Individual or organization that works to create or strengthen interactive arts participation among diverse community members while increasing the public awareness about the role of the arts in community life.*

**Government** – *An elected or appointed official whose work has resulted in significant support for the arts through local or state government action.*

Complete information about the Governor’s Awards for the Arts, nomination form and instructions are available at <https://arts.delaware.gov/governors-awards/>. The deadline for the submission of the nomination packets is **June 28, 2019**.

For more information or assistance, please contact Kristin Pleasanton at [Kristin.Pleasanton@delaware.gov](mailto:Kristin.Pleasanton@delaware.gov)

### **History of the Governor’s Awards for the Arts**

Governor Russell W. Peterson began the tradition of honoring Delaware artists in 1970. Since then, Delaware has paid tribute to 40 distinguished individuals and organizations that have had a profound and lasting impact on the state’s artistic and cultural life.

The previous Governor’s Awards for the Arts in 2014 were coordinated by the Division of the Arts in conjunction with

the Delaware State Arts Council and the office of the Governor. Award recipients were selected from a pool of candidates solicited during an extensive nominating process.

For a list of the previous award winners, visit our [website](#).

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The [Delaware Division of the Arts](#), a branch of the Delaware Department of State, is dedicated to cultivating and supporting the arts to enhance the quality of life for all Delawareans. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, the Division administers grants and programs that support arts programming, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. For more information about the Delaware Division of the Arts, visit [arts.delaware.gov](http://arts.delaware.gov) or call 302-577-8278.