2005 Governors' Arts Awards Nomination Form

Deadline: April 22, 2005

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts issues a call for nominations for the 2005 Governors' Arts Awards. VSA Arts New Hampshire again joins the State Arts Council as a partner in sponsoring the Cultural Access Leadership Award. Seven honorary awards will be made in recognition of outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support, and availability of the arts in New Hampshire.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Cultural Access Leadership Award,** sponsored in partnership with VSA Arts New Hampshire, recognizes a New Hampshire non-profit arts organization for practicing exemplary cultural access that includes and exceeds physical access. Programmatic access involves adapting the presentation of art-making, art exhibits, musical performances, and theatrical productions so that people with and without disabilities have the same opportunities to experience the arts, as audience and artists. The award celebrates sustained leadership in the arts that includes people with disabilities, their families, and their friends.

- **The Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure Award** recognizes a New Hampshire artist, in any discipline, who has made a significant contribution to his or her art form and to the arts community of New Hampshire, reflecting a lifetime of achievement.

- **New Hampshire Folk Heritage Award** recognizes a New Hampshire traditional folk artist, who has made a significant contribution to his or her art form and to his or her cultural community, reflecting a lifetime of achievement. Traditional art forms are those art forms, passed informally from generation to generation, that reflect the culture of a particular community defined by ethnic heritage, occupational, religious, geographic, or familial groups.

- **The Individual Arts Patron Award** recognizes a New Hampshire resident who has made a significant contribution to the support of the arts in New Hampshire. Contributions may include donations of money, time, goods, or services that over time have significantly increased funding for the arts.

- **The Distinguished Arts Leadership Award** recognizes an individual who has played a sustained role in the advancement, direction, or management of a New Hampshire nonprofit arts organization. Examples include: Executive Director, Artistic Director, and Board President.

- **The Arts Education Award** recognizes an organization, individual, school district or community that has made an outstanding contribution to arts education during the past five years. Contributions might include increased financial commitment to arts education or innovation in the classroom.

- **The Community Spirit Award** recognizes the city, town, or village government or community wide non-arts organization (e.g., Chamber of Commerce, Main Street organization) that significantly fostered the arts within the last five years through funding and/or program initiatives. Examples include: major municipal support to a cultural facility or public art program, unique public/private partnerships to promote cultural tourism, significant increases in local public support for the arts.

Eligibility

Individual Nominees must be residents of New Hampshire and not have previously received a Governors' Arts Award. Posthumous nominations may not be made.

Organizational Nominees must be physically located in New Hampshire.

With the exception of the **Community Spirit** and **Cultural Access Leadership Awards,** self-nominations are not eligible.

How to Make a Nomination

1. Complete a nomination form (available in several formats). Make six (6) copies of the completed form and use the original and copies as cover sheets for each of the seven (7) copies of the narrative and attachments that make up your nomination.

2. Prepare up to two (2) pages stating your nominee's accomplishments and contributions to the excellence, growth, support, and availability of the arts in New Hampshire as they relate to one of the award categories. Be as specific as possible in addressing the different criteria for each award.

3. Gather additional written documentation to support your nomination, which must include at least 3 letters of support for the nomination. Other written materials might include newspaper articles, brochures, statistics, biographical information, etc. If applicable, you may also include two (2) sets of slides, catalogues, or recordings of an artist's work. **NOTE: Visuals may also be submitted electronically as TIFF or JPG files to cjohnson@nharts.state.nh.us.**

4. Collate the nomination form, narrative, and written attachments into seven (7) packets for each member of the award selection committee to review prior to their meeting. Place audio/visual materials and catalogues, if included, in a separate packet. Audio/visual materials and catalogues will be shared at the review meeting. Materials will not be returned, *do not send one-of-a-kind valuable materials*. Please be selective. In the past, the strongest nominations have provided the judges with carefully selected, relevant information and clear, persuasive narratives.

5. In addition to the paper copies submitted, the 2 page narrative must be available on disk or electronically in 16 pt. accessible font, double-spaced. (Ariel, Helvetica, Times Roman or Verdana)

6. Nominees for the **Cultural Access Leadership Award** will be visited by a member of the Award Selection Committee as part of the review process.

Deadline
Nominations must be postmarked no later than April 22, 2005 or hand-delivered to the NH State Council on the Arts by 4:15 PM on that day.

Selection
An awards selection committee, appointed by State Arts Council Chairman James Patrick Kelly, will review the nominations and make their recommendations to the Governor.

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Nominee
Phone (day)
e-mail
Address
City
NH Zip

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Arts Affiliation

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Category (select one)

- ❑ Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure
- ❑ NH Folk Heritage
- ❑ Individual Arts Patron
- ❑ Distinguished Arts Leadership
- ❑ Arts Education
- ❑ Community Spirit
- ❑ Cultural Access Leadership

Return by April 22, 2005 to:

Governors' Arts Awards
New Hampshire State Council on the Arts
2 ½ Beacon Street – 2nd Floor
Concord, NH 03301

This information is available electronically or in alternative formats. Please call v/tty 603-228-4330 or info@vsaartsnh.org

Past Recipients of Governors' Arts Awards

2003 Edwin and Mary Scheier, Ellis Hatch, Jr., Hilda Fleisher, Janice Hastings, The Town of Littleton, Timberlane Regional School District, Children's Museum of Portsmouth

2001 Rawn Spearman, Dudley Laufman, Genevieve Aichele, Henry Melville Fuller, City of Manchester, Deborah Stuart

1999 Tomie dePaola, Larry & Henry Riendeau, Patricia Lindberg, Peter Karagianis, The City of Claremont, Edith Grodin

1997 John Woodsum Hatch, Bob McQuillen, Nancy Brennan, The City of Rochester, Grace A. Casey, Arthur Hall

1995 Donald Hall, Newt Washburn, David Bresnahan, Elaine Krasker, Town of Newport

1993 Herbert Waters, Peggy Senter, David & Rosamond Putnam, Exeter Arts Committee Board of Selectmen

1991 Robert Hughes, Dwight Graves, Kimon S. Zachos, Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce

1989 Karl Drerup, Alton School Board, May & Sam Gruber, City of Nashua

1980 Lotte Jacobi, Federated Arts, NH Youth Orchestra

Presentation and Celebration

The Governor will be invited to present the Governors' Arts Awards in October of 2005. All nominees will be recognized. Each award recipient (groups will share a single award) will be given an original artwork by a New Hampshire artist, which interprets the two eagles designed for the top of the State House dome. The original 1819 eagle, now housed at the New Hampshire Historical Society, was the state's first public art commission. The event will include performances by New Hampshire artists as part of the celebration.