New Hampshire
State Council on the **Arts**

CELEBRATING **50 YEARS** OF COMMUNITY,
CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

2017 Governor's Arts Awards
Nomination Guidelines

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts welcomes nominations for the 2017 Governor's Arts Awards. The honorary awards recognize outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support, and availability of the arts in New Hampshire.

The 2017 Nomination Form is online and can be accessed here. Click here for instructions on how to use the online system. Paper applications will not be accepted.

Nominations for the 2017 Awards may be made in the following categories:

Arts Education: Recognizes an individual, nonprofit organization, school district or community that has made an outstanding contribution to arts education within the past three years. Contributions may include innovation and/or sustained contributions to arts education in the classroom, leadership in a school such as the implementation of a comprehensive arts curriculum, the securing of increased funding to arts education or other significant contribution to arts education.

Arts in Health: Recognizes an individual or New Hampshire nonprofit organization for providing increased access to the arts for people in health care settings and/or with physical, mental or emotional disabilities. Access can include adapting the presentation of art-making, art exhibits, musical performances, and theatrical productions so that people with disabilities have opportunities to experience the arts and/or bringing enriching arts activities into hospitals, nursing homes or rehabilitation centers to support an environment of healing.

Creative Communities: Recognizes a city, town, or village government or community-wide organization (e.g. Municipality, Chamber of Commerce, or Main Street program) or an individual that significantly fostered the arts through funding and/or program initiatives within the past three years. Examples include major municipal support to a cultural facility or public art program, establishment of a local arts commission or council, the creation of unique public/private partnerships to promote cultural tourism and/or significant increases in local public support for the arts.

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

Folk Heritage: Recognizes a New Hampshire traditional folk artist who has made a significant contribution to his or her art form and the 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.

Lotte Jacobi Living Treasure: Recognizes a professional 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. *This award is named for the late Johanna Alexandra (Lotte) Jacobi (1896-1990), a photographer of great national and international renown. Jacobi emigrated from her native Germany to the United States and spent her later years as a resident of Deering, New Hampshire.*

Eligibility

- **Individuals** nominated must be residents of New Hampshire or have made significant contributions to the arts while residents of the state.
- **Organizations and cities/towns** nominated must be physically located in New Hampshire.

The following are not eligible:

- Self-nominations
- Posthumous nominations
- Nominations of or **by** currently serving Council members and employees of the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources

Selection & Presentation

- Review and selection of the 2017 Governor's Arts Awards will be made by a review panel appointed by State Arts Council.
- Nominees will be notified of the results of the review in September, 2017.
- The 2017 Governor's Arts Awards will be presented at a formal ceremony in late fall at the New Hampshire Institute of Art in Manchester.

How to Make a Governor's Arts Award Nomination

Please complete the online application **here**. The following materials should be prepared ahead of time and uploaded with the application:

1. A written nomination **Narrative** of up to 2 pages stating the 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, and why the nominee is deserving of State recognition. Please be as specific as possible in addressing the purpose of the award. (Narrative should be in 12-point type with 1" margins)

2. **Letters of Support** for the nomination. Please include 2 – 5 **current** letters that address the contributions the nominee has made and why the nominee is deserving of State recognition.

3. Other **Support Materials** may be included that broaden the understanding of the nominee's contribution to the state (not to exceed 10 pages). Materials can include a resume, biographical information, newspaper articles, brochures, statistical information, etc. Web links may also be submitted, with clear instructions for viewing.

4. If applicable, you may include **Work Samples**. URLs, up to 10 images in JPG format and/or 3 audio/video sample recordings of the nominee's work may be included. Work Samples must be accompanied by a Work Sample Index indicating the subject, location, and date of each sample. JPGs and audio/video samples should be bundled and uploaded with the online application as ZIP files. Please follow the instructions in the online application.

IMPORTANT: The strongest nominations provide the review panel with clear and persuasive narratives and letters of support, and include carefully selected and relevant information.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on Tuesday August 1, 2017.

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