



# TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

NOMINATION INFORMATION • SUBMISSION DEADLINE OCTOBER 9, 2015

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GOVERNOR



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## Office of the Governor

June 12, 2015

Dear Friends,

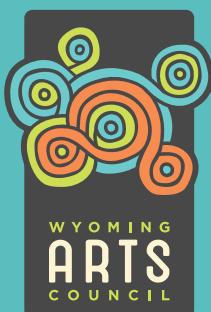
This year marks the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Governor's Arts Awards. Since 1982, these awards have been given annually to recognize individuals, communities, groups and organizations for their outstanding contribution to the arts in Wyoming.

I am privileged to start the awards process for this year by seeking nominations. Nominees may include a person, town, business, group, teacher, administrator or patron. I ask you to take the time to think about those you believe should be considered for 2015 Governor's Arts Awards. Then follow the nomination process provided by the Wyoming Arts Council. The details of that process are enclosed.

Wyoming is fortunate to have so many wonderful artists who dedicate themselves to the arts and share their artistic endeavors, enriching our lives and furthering our vibrant arts economy. I look forward to presenting the 2015 Governor's Arts Awards at a dinner and awards ceremony in Cheyenne on February 26, 2016. Please help continue the long tradition of honoring Wyoming's best in the arts by participating in the nominations.

Sincerely,

Matthew H. Mead  
Governor



## HISTORY OF THE GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

Established in 1982, the Governor's Arts Awards recognize excellence in the arts and outstanding service to the arts in Wyoming. These awards were first made possible by an endowment from the Union Pacific Foundation in honor of Mrs. John U. Loomis, a lifelong patron of the arts. Over the years, individuals and organizations from more than 20 Wyoming communities and statewide organizations have been honored for their dedication to the arts in Wyoming.

## WHO TO NOMINATE?

Any Wyoming citizen, organization, business or community may be a Governor's Art Awards (GAA) nominee. Accomplishments that are noted should reflect substantial contributions made in Wyoming that exemplify a long-term commitment to the arts. Special consideration will be given to nominees whose arts service is statewide.

Previous GAA recipients are not eligible for nomination, but nomination of previously unselected nominees is encouraged. Current Wyoming Arts Council board members, staff members, contractors or members of their families are not eligible for nomination.

## HOW TO NOMINATE?

**Nominations must be postmarked no later than October 9, 2015 and sent to:**

Governor's Arts Awards  
Wyoming Arts Council  
2301 Central Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

**Provide the following information on an 8.5" x 11" cover sheet:**

Select one of the following categories for your nominee:

- Individual: artist, arts educator, arts administrator, arts patron
- Organization: arts organization, business, government, media
- Community: city, town, township (also specify the community's art focus)

Provide information for the nominee:

- Name
- Arts involvement, organization and/or professional affiliation
- Address
- Telephone (day and evening)
- E-Mail address, if available

Provide information for the nominator:

- Name
- Your relationship to the nominee
- Address
- Telephone (day and evening)
- E-Mail address, if available

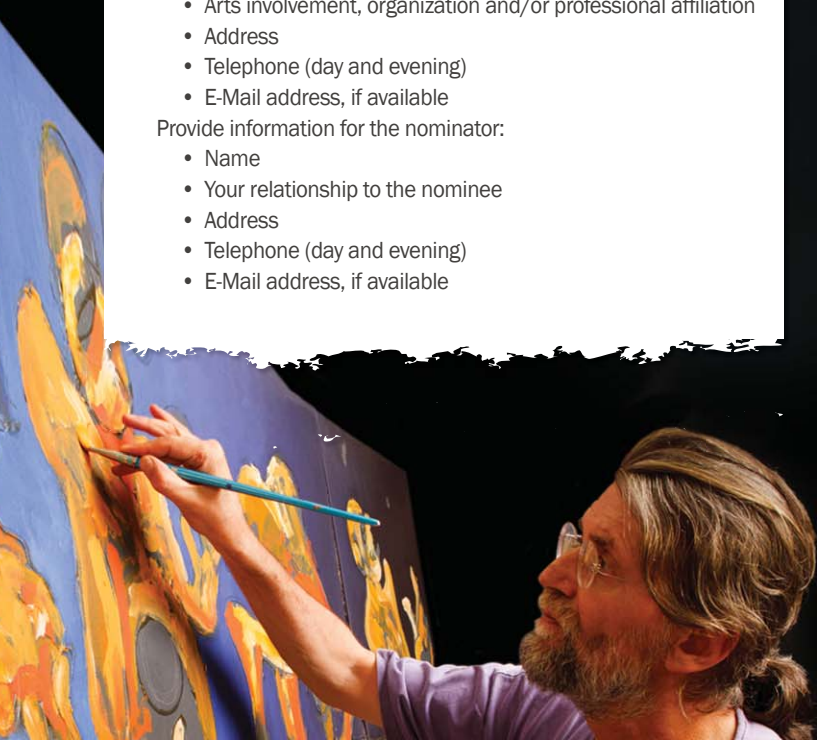
## SUPPORT MATERIALS PLEASE INCLUDE ONLY THE FOLLOWING:

- One nomination letter: no more than 2 pages, single-spaced, #11 font minimum and addressing the criteria outlined in this document
- A minimum of two additional letters of recommendation, 1-2 pages each, single-spaced, #11 font (minimum), supporting the nomination, and addressing the criteria in this document. It is recommended that these be from people who are familiar with differing aspects of the nominee's arts involvement. Letters should focus on contributions to the arts, and not other aspects of the nominee's service to the community.
- Resume of individual or history of organization or community, which clearly demonstrates arts contributions.
- For individual artist nominees, provide samples of their work on CD or DVD.
  - Digital images must be submitted on CD (PC readable) in JPG or TIFF format (RGB color) with a maximum size of 600 pixels (V) and 800 pixels (H), and oriented upright on monitor.
  - Video and music clips should be no longer than 3 minutes each.
- For non-artist nominees, samples of the individual's or organization's work, including news articles, programs, etc., may be provided. Submitted work samples must follow the above requirements for Individual Artist Nominees.
- Submit no more than a total of 10 images and/or 10 work samples for review.

## NOMINATION CRITERIA TO BE ADDRESSED WITHIN NOMINATION

*NOTE: Many nominations are submitted for the Governor's Arts Awards each year, and the selection process is quite competitive. The award determination is based primarily on the award criteria listed below. Nominators should take great care to make the case on behalf of their nominees by addressing all applicable criteria in their nomination letters, and should encourage individuals preparing letters of recommendation to do the same.*

- How many years has the nominee been committed to the arts in general, or to a specific art form?
- What outstanding contribution(s) has the nominee made to the arts in Wyoming? Define the nature and impact of the nominee's involvement.
- Describe the breadth of the nominee's support of various arts activities in the community and the state.
- Describe the nominee's involvement in special initiatives supporting the arts.
- Address the nominee's artistic excellence (for individual artists and arts organizations) or level of standards (for patrons, businesses or communities).



# PAST GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

## 1982

Unicover Corporation – Cheyenne  
Fine Arts Council of Saratoga's Historical and Cultural Association  
Tonia Burnette – Riverton

## 1983

Union Pacific Foundation – Cheyenne  
Pinedale Fine Arts Council  
Charles Levendosky – Casper

## 1984

Casper Symphony Association  
Rock Springs/Sweetwater County  
Pamela McCool – Jackson  
Stagehands of Cheyenne

## 1985

Symphony and Chorale Society of Cheyenne  
James T. Forrest – Laramie  
Harmon Watt – Riverton  
KUWR Wyoming Public Radio – Laramie

## 1986

Gertrude Krampert – Casper  
Betsy Taggart – Cheyenne  
University of Wyoming Art Mobile – Laramie  
Western Arts Trio - Laramie

## 1987

Mary Back – Dubois  
Mountain Bell Foundation – Cheyenne  
James Boyle – Laramie  
Arts Edition, Casper Star Tribune

## 1988

Margaret Coe – Cody  
George Hufsmith – Jackson  
Nicolaysen Art Museum – Casper  
Powder River Arts Council – Gillette

## 1989

Peter H. Hassrick – Cody  
Donald L. King – Sheridan  
Ann Simpson – Cody  
Cheyenne Little Theater Players

## 1990

Grand Teton Music Festival – Teton Village  
Harry Jackson – Cody  
Eva McAdams – Fort Washakie  
Wayne McIntyre – Casper

## 1991

Margery Barber – Lander  
William Dubois – Cheyenne  
Albany County Elementary Art Program – Laramie  
Key Bank of Wyoming – Cheyenne

## 1992

William D. Weiss – Teton Village  
ARTCORE – Casper  
Wyoming Secondary Art Educators Association

## 1993

Ronnie Bedford – Powell  
Jean Paulene Goedicke – Casper  
Margaret Small Mains – Laramie  
Washakie County Museum  
and Cultural Center – Worland

## 1994

Buffalo Bill Historical Center – Cody  
Dr. Gladys Crane – Laramie  
Margaret Peck – Riverton  
Wyoming State Museum – Cheyenne

## 1995

Jo Campbell – Gillette  
Jackson State Bank  
Bud Boller – Dubois  
Wyoming Writers

## 1996

David B. Anderson – Douglas  
Elizabeth Guheen – Clearmont  
D. Michael Thomas – Buffalo

## 1997

Hands in Harmony – Cheyenne  
Tom Empey – Casper  
Joffa and Bill Kerr – Jackson  
Platte Valley Arts Council – Saratoga

## 1998

Janet Ahlquist – Casper  
Earl Sams Lightner – Jackson  
Sophie Pelissier – Sheridan  
Sublette County Artists Guild – Pinedale

## 1999

Susie Dowler – Gillette  
David Romtvedt – Buffalo  
Dr. Patricia Tate – Laramie  
Wind River Artists Guild & Headwaters Community  
Arts and Conference Center – Dubois

## 2000

Dancers Workshop – Jackson  
Sara Wiles – Lander  
Lynne Livingston Simpson – Laramie

## 2001

Arts in Action – Riverton  
Dr. Sloan and Anna Marie Hales – Cheyenne  
The National Museum of Wildlife Art – Jackson  
Ronald Steger – Laramie

## 2002

Jo Crandall – Pinedale  
John S. Giarrizzo – Powell  
The Honorable Stanley K. and Mrs. Roberta "Bobby"  
Hathaway – Cheyenne

## 2003

Art Association – Jackson  
Casper Children's Chorale  
Rod Garnett – Laramie  
Susie & Mick McMurry – Casper

## 2004

All City Children's Chorus – Cheyenne  
Gaydell Collier – Sundance  
Dr. Jane Leland Iverson – Cheyenne  
Holly Turner – Casper

## 2005

William Missouri Downs – Laramie  
Neltje – Banner  
Oyster Ridge Music Festival – Kemmerer  
Ucross Foundation Residency Program – Clearmont

## 2006

Candra Day – Jackson  
Razmick Sarkissian – Sheridan  
Barbara Smith – Rock Springs  
Creative Arts Program, Ark  
Regional Services – Laramie

## 2007

Lander Community Concerts Association  
Neil Hansen – Powell  
Mike McClure – Lander  
Tucker Smith – Pinedale

## 2008

Park County Arts Council  
Jerry Palen – Saratoga  
Diane Springford – Lander  
Tandem Productions – Sheridan

## 2009

Don Butler – Sheridan  
Duane Evenson – Gillette  
Naoma J. Tate – Cody  
Louise Wesswick – Rock Springs  
Wyoming Educators of Secondary Theatre

## 2010

Bradford Brinton Memorial & Museum – Big Horn  
Michael Masterson – Powell  
Stage III Community Theatre – Casper  
pARTners – Jackson  
Nancy Curtis – Glendo

## 2011

Eagle Bronze Foundry – Lander  
Michael C. Poulsen – Cody  
Dr. Seymour Thickman – Sheridan  
PALS: Promoting Arts in Lander Schools – Lander

## 2012

AVA Community Art Center – Gillette  
Jalan Crossland – Ten Sleep  
Lynn Munns – Casper

## 2013

Guadalupe Barajas – Cheyenne  
Babs Case – Jackson  
Bruce Richardson – Casper  
Norma Sturges – Casper  
Bar J Wranglers – Wilson

## 2014

Tom Lucas – Dubois  
Zachary Pullen – Casper  
Jim Wilcox – Jackson

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** Join us for the Governor's Arts Awards celebration  
and awards on the evening of February 26, 2016 in Cheyenne!



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