

TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

SAVE THE DATE • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019

MATTHEW H. MEAD
GOVERNOR

THE STATE



OF WYOMING

2323 Carey Avenue
CHEYENNE, WY 82002

Office of the Governor

Dear Friends,

I am privileged to start the awards process for the 2018 Governor's Arts Awards (GAA) by seeking nominations. Awards have been given annually since 1982 to recognize individuals, communities, groups and organizations for their outstanding contribution to the arts in Wyoming. The awards will be presented in 2019, marking the 37th year for the GAA.

Nominees may include a person, town, business, group, teacher, administrator or patron. I hope you will take a moment to think about those you believe should be considered for the 2018 awards. Then follow the nomination process provided by the Wyoming Arts Council. The details of that process are enclosed.

During my tenure as governor, I have been fortunate to present GAA awards to many deserving recipients. I have been so impressed by the depth and breadth of artistic talent in our state. Wyoming is fortunate to have many wonderful artists who dedicate themselves to the arts, share their artistic endeavors, enrich our lives and further our strong arts economy.

The 2018 Governor's Arts Awards will be presented at a dinner and awards ceremony in Cheyenne on Feb. 8, 2019. Please help continue the long tradition of honoring Wyoming's best in the arts by participating in the nominations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew H. Mead".

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 25 Wyoming communities and statewide organizations have been honored for their dedication to the arts in Wyoming.



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 Leiland 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
Miike 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 Thickettman – 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

2015
Cedric Reverand – Laramie
Paul Taylor – Laramie
Chris Navarro – Casper
Brian Scott Gamroth – Casper
Sarah Rogers – Sundance
Hot Springs Greater Learning Foundation – Thermopolis

2016
Dr. Adam Duncan Harris – Jackson
Forrest Mars, Jr. – Big Horn (Posthumous)
Marianne Vinich – Lander
Tim Sandlin – Jackson

2017
Art 321/Casper Artists Guild – Casper
Susan Moldenhauer – Laramie
Leslie O'Hashi – Cheyenne
Dr. Patrick Patton – Casper



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 or emailed no later than Wednesday, October 3, 2018 and sent to:

Brittany Perez, Wyoming Arts Council
2301 Central Ave. Barrett Building, 2nd Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002
or email brittany.perez@wyo.gov

Digital PDF copies are preferred.

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 support, media support
- Community: city, town, township (please also specify the community's art focus)

Provide information for the nominee:

- Full name
- Arts involvement, organization and/or professional affiliation
- Mailing Address
- Cell Phone
- E-Mail

Provide information for the nominator:

- Name
- Your relationship to the nominee
- Address
- Cell Phone
- E-Mail



SUPPORT MATERIALS

Please include only the following support materials with your nomination:

- 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 digital samples of their work on a flash drive, CD, or emailed directly to the Arts Council.
 - Digital images must be 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. Digital PDF copies are preferred. Submitted work samples must follow the above size and format requirements as individual artist nominees.
- For all nominees, please submit no more than a total of 10 images and/or 10 work samples for review.

NOMINATION CRITERIA

To be addressed within nomination and recommendation letters as appropriate to the nominee.

NOTE: There are many nominations 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. If an application is incomplete it will not be reviewed.

- 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).

Join us for the Governor's Arts Awards celebration and awards on the evening of Friday, February 8, 2019 in Cheyenne!