



2020 Oregon Governor's Arts Awards Call for Nominations



Oregon Governor's Arts Awards

A partnership between the Office of the Governor and the Oregon Arts Commission, the Governor's Arts Awards recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the arts in Oregon.

The Governor's Arts Awards ceremony, hosted by Governor Kate Brown, will take place from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12, 2020, at the Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg. The ceremony will be followed by a public reception. **Note:** If social distancing prevents a public gathering, the event will be produced as a live-streamed Facebook event.

Eligibility

The Governor's Arts Awards are open to any individual, organization or community that currently resides in or has a significant presence in Oregon and has made outstanding contributions to the arts in the state.

Nominees may include arts advocates or philanthropists, educators or educational programs, arts organizations, governments or businesses that support the arts, communities that exemplify arts-based community development, arts administrators, practitioners or advocates fostering traditional art forms and cultural heritage, and individual artists. A special category has been added for the 2020 Arts Awards to recognize virtual arts engagement during COVID-19 social distancing. Past recipients of a Governor's Arts Award are not eligible (see [past recipients](#)).

Evaluation Criteria

The review committee, comprised of a representative from the Governor's office, an Arts Commissioner and three to five arts leaders from across the state, will use the following criteria to review the nominations:

- Regional, national or international recognition for the nominee's contributions;
- Role in improving the quality of arts experiences and appreciation for the arts in Oregon;
- Contributions to advancing the arts' positive impact on Oregonians' quality of life;
- Length of service to the arts in Oregon.

Timeline

Nominations must be received by 5pm, Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Nominators and recipients will be notified by July 13. Awardees must be able to attend (or virtually participate in, if the event is live-streamed due to COVID-19) the Arts Awards ceremony from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 12 (The Arts Commission can assist with travel expenses).

Submission Instructions

Nomination materials must be received by 5pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. Submit the completed nomination form to eleanor.sandys@oregon.gov.

Prior to submitting a nomination, please email eleanor.sandys@oregon.gov to let us know whom you intend to nominate. If there are multiple nominations for the same nominee, the Arts Commission may provide only one nomination form to the review panel. Letters of support will be accepted in place of an additional nomination form, should multiple nominators express interest in nominating the same nominee.

To nominate an individual, organization or community, please submit the following items:

1. Nomination form (only one nomination per form), including:
 - a. Nominee contact information
 - b. Nominator contact information
 - c. Narrative addressing why the nominee meets the award criteria and why the nominee's efforts and accomplishments are noteworthy. *750 word or less*
 - d. Brief biography or description of the recipient. *350 words or less*

2. Optional: Supporting materials documenting the nominee's contributions, such as documentation, press clippings, images, programs, letters of support, etc. You may submit up to:
 - Three (3) PDF or Word documents, each no longer than three pages.
 - Three (3) images, submitted as PDF, jpg or png files. Images should be no larger than 1200px on longest side or 4MB.
 - Two (2) multi-media files (sound or video). Limit sound files to two minutes and video files to three minutes. You may submit a PDF with links to multimedia files. Write out the full link so that it can be copied and pasted into a browser.

Supplemental materials must be uploaded to either [Google Drive](#) or [Dropbox](#) (see **How to Share Application Attachments** document). You will share the link to the materials on the Nomination form.

If you need assistance or alternative methods for submissions, or have questions, please contact Eleanor Sandys: eleanor.sandys@oregon.gov, (971) 707-3004. All submitted materials are subject to Oregon's public records laws.