



GOVERNOR'S ARTS & HERITAGE AWARDS

WASHINGTON STATE ARTS COMMISSION

The Washington State Arts Commission (WSAC) invites you to help recognize and honor outstanding artists, arts organizations, and cultural leaders in our state. **Nominations deadline is September 30, 2009.**

The Arts and Heritage Awards are among the most prestigious honors bestowed by the Governor; 150 individuals, artists, and organizations have received Arts Awards, and 51 individuals and organizations have been honored with a Heritage Award. Governor Gregoire will present the awards in January 2010.

The GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS were established in 1966 to recognize individuals and artists for their significant contributions to the creative vitality of Washington State. Arts Award nominees worthy of state recognition will be evaluated on the following: the nature of their contributions to the state or to a specific community within the state; the continuity of their contributions over time and/or the impact of their contributions; if an artist or arts producing group, the quality of the artworks produced and the level community of participation; and if a financial supporter, the range of support provided.

Established in 1989, the GOVERNOR'S HERITAGE AWARDS honor outstanding individuals and organizations whose dedication to preserving and promoting traditions and cultural heritage are worthy of state recognition. Heritage Award nominees worthy of state recognition will be evaluated on the following: active participation in their community as a master traditional artist, community scholar, or traditional community historian; representative of significant folk art or cultural traditions; tradition bearers within their community and recognized as such by the community; a record of accomplishments and excellence; and significant contribution to the cultural heritage and diversity of Washington State.

To be eligible for either the Arts or Heritage Awards, individuals or organizations must be current Washington residents or have resided in the state during the time the contributions were made, and not be a previous Governor's Award recipient. For more information and to view a list of past recipients, visit www.arts.wa.gov/projects/awards.shtml.

A selection committee will evaluate both the Arts and Heritage Awards and forward its recommendation to the Arts Commission. The Commission will then make its recommendation to the Governor, who reviews the nominees and announces the final award recipients.

You may nominate more than one candidate, completing a full application for each. Do not make multiple nominations of the same person/group; awards are based on the significance of achievements and contributions, not the number of nominations received. For more information contact Mark Gerth at 360-586-8093 or mark.gerth@arts.wa.gov.

GOVERNOR'S ARTS & HERITAGE AWARDS - 2009 NOMINATION FORM

Select a category below:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Arts Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Heritage Award	
<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Arts Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Organizational Heritage Award	
<input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Arts or Heritage Supporter Award	
Name of Nominee - Individual or Organization:		
Name of Contact if Organization:	Home Phone	Business Phone
Address	City	Zip
Email	Website	
Your Name	Email	Phone

Submit this form with a nomination letter - type or print legibly the significant accomplishments and contributions of the person or organization you are nominating. Be specific about the nominee's achievements and document their impact. Include: why the efforts, achievements, and accomplishments of this nominee are noteworthy; how their efforts have been recognized by their community; and a brief biography detailing the career and/or the history of the nominee. For Heritage nominees also include how their actions preserve and promote ethnic and/or cultural heritage.

In addition, gather and submit supporting materials which may include:

- additional letters of support;
- a complete biography of the individual or history of the organization;
- clearly labeled samples of their work (CDs, DVD, slides, photos, or published works);
- copies of articles written by or about the nominee;
- lists of public appearances by nominee;
- promotional material from events produced by the nominee, etc.

Nominations must be **received or postmarked by September 30, 2009**. Deliver the nomination form, nomination letter and all supporting materials to our office at 711 Capitol Way S. Suite 600 in Olympia, or mail to: Governor's Arts and Heritage Awards, Washington State Arts Commission, PO Box 42675, Olympia, WA 98504-2675.

We envision a Washington where the arts are thriving and celebrated throughout the state-woven into the fabric of vital and vibrant communities.