



ARTSWA

WASHINGTON STATE
ARTS COMMISSION

GOVERNOR'S ARTS & HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1966 to 2016

Award Year	Awardee	City or Region	Contribution	Art (A) Heritage (H)
1966	PONCHO	Seattle		A
1967	City of Bellingham	Bellingham		A
	Angus L. Bowmer			A
	Pike Place Market	Seattle		A
	Washington State Library	Statewide		A
1968	Eunice P. Ziegler			A
1969	Western Washington State College	Bellingham		A
	Seattle First National Bank	Seattle		A
	Olympia Brewing Company	Olympia		A
	Richard E. Fuller			A
	Atlantic Richfield Hanford Company	Central		A
1970	Allied Arts Council of the Yakima Valley	Central		A
	Boise Cascade Corporation and the Blue Mountain Committee of the Pacific Northwest Ballet Association			A
	Farm Credit Banks of Spokane	Spokane		A
	Erna Gunther			A
	Rainier Brewing Company	Olympia		A
	Seattle Opera Association	Seattle		A
	Taholah Elementary School District #77	Central Coast		A
	Mark Tobey			A
	James Washington, Jr			A

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1971	Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories	Richland		A
	Morris Graves	No CA		A
	Henry Art Gallery, University of Washington	Seattle		A
	Robert Joffrey	New York		A
	Helen Loggie	Bellingham		A
	Mr. and Mrs. Lowell T. Murray, Sr.			A
	Pacific Car and Foundry Foundation and the City of Renton	Renton		A
	Lawney Reyes	Seattle		A
	Seattle Symphony Orchestra and the Musicians' Association (Local 76	Seattle		A
	Tacoma School District #10	Tacoma		A
1972	Glen Alps	Seattle		A
	Ralph Anderson	Seattle		A
	Carnegie Center of the Arts	Walla Walla		A
	Richard Daugherty, Pullman, and the Makah Tribal Council	Neah Bay, coastal		A
	John and Anne Hauberg	Seattle		A
	Philadelphia String Quartet			A
	Seattle Repertory Theater	Seattle		A
	Spokane Civic Theater	Spokane		A
1973	A Contemporary Theater	Seattle		A
	Allied Arts of Seattle, City of Seattle, and King County	Seattle		A
	Park and Mildred Cook	Federal Way		A
	Alan Hovaness	Seattle		A
	Ariel Lelooska			A
1973	Murray Morgan	Puyallup		A
	Port of Seattle	Seattle		A
	Spokane Symphony Society	Spokane		A
	Whitworth College	Spokane		A
1975	Allied Arts Association of Richland	Richland		A
	Anacortes Arts and Crafts Festival, Inc. and Anacortes School District #103	Anacortes		A
	Lester S. Baskin	Tacoma		A
	Julia Butler Hansen	Cathlamet		A
	Vilem Sokol and the Seattle Youth	Seattle		A

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	Symphony Orchestra			
	The City of Spokane and its People	Spokane		A
1976	Allied Arts Council of North Central Washington	Wenatchee		A
	Black Arts/West	Seattle		A
	Stanley Chapple	Seattle		A
	Ellensburg Community Art Gallery	Ellensburg		A
	Washington State Department of Highways	Statewide		A
	Bill Holm	Seattle		A
	Ellida H. Kirk	Tacoma		A
	George Laisner	Pullman		A
	Virginia and Bagley Wright	Seattle		A
1977	<i>No awards presented</i>			
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1982	<i>No awards presented</i>			
1983	Guy Anderson	LaConner		A
	Kenneth Callahan	Long Beach		A
	The Capitol Theater Corporation,	Yakima		A
	Columbia Basin Allied Arts	Moses Lake		A
	Mrs. David W. Gaiser	Spokane		A
	City of Kent	Kent		A
	Safeco Insurance Company, R.M. Trafton, Chairman	Seattle		A
	Virginia Shackelford	Tacoma		A
	WAMPUM	Seattle		A
1984	Alcoa Foundation	Wenatchee Vancouver		A
	Dale Chihuly and the Pilchuck School	Tacoma/Seattle		A
	Connoisseur Concerts	Spokane		A
	Anne Gerber	Seattle		A
	Jacob Lawrence	Seattle		A
1985	Burlington Northern Foundation	Seattle		A
	Columbia Arts Center	Vancouver		A
	Hans and Thelma Lehman	Seattle		A

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	Tacoma Actors' Guild	Tacoma		A
	Victor Steinbrueck	Seattle		A
	George Tsutakawa	Seattle		A
1986	Artists Unlimited	Lynwood		A
	Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alhadeff	Seattle		A
	Dr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Alvord, Jr.	Seattle		A
	Alfredo Arrequin	Seattle		A
	Ben B. Cheney Foundation	Tacoma		A
	The Group Theater	Seattle		A
1986	Old National Bank	Spokane		A
	Port Angeles Symphony	Port Angeles		A
	Jose Rambaldi	Walla Walla		A
1987	Nelson Bentley	Seattle		A
	Centrum Foundation	Port Townsend		A
	Chateau St. Michelle	Woodinville		A
	Dr. Solomon Katz	Seattle		A
	Ramona Solberg	Ellensburg		A
	Tacoma Youth Symphony	Tacoma		A
1988	Harold Balazs	Spokane		A
	The Empty Space Theater	Seattle		A
	LaMar Harrington	Bellevue		A
	Paul Horiuchi	Seattle		A
	The Music and Art Foundation	Seattle		A
	Ruth Slonin	Pullman		A
	Kent Stowell and Francina Russell	Seattle		A
	Vancouver Federal Savings Bank	Vancouver		A
	Victory Music	Bonney Lake		A
	The Wenatchee World	Wenatchee		A
1989/90	Copper Canyon Press	Port Townsend		A
	Gaylen Hansen	Palouse		A
	Sheffield and Patricia Phelps	Seattle		A
	Seattle Children's Theater	Seattle		A
	Washington Trust Bank & Washington Trust Foundation	Spokane		A
1989	Marie Bakke Bremner		Norwegian quilter and rosemaler	H
	David Forlines		Quileute tradition bearer	H
	Marija Franulovich		Croatian tradition bearer	H

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	Andrew George		Yakima storyteller and teacher	H
	Woodrow Gifford		Logger poet	H
1989	Nhia YiaHeu		Hmong master basketmaker	H
	Vi Hilbert		Upper Skagit Tribal historian	H
	Lucy Liu		Chinese painter, calligrapher	H
	Esther Mumford		African-American historian	H
	Ivan Novikoff		Russian-American dancer	H
	Gordon Ekvall Tracie		Swedish dancer & folklorist	H
1990	Cecilia Svinth Carpenter		Nisqually historian	H
	Ralph Hayes		African-American historian	H
	Selma Muller		German-American historian	H
1991	Richard Gilkey	La Conner		A
	Carole Glickfield	Seattle		A
	Intiman Theater Company	Seattle		A
	Moses Lake City Council	Moses Lake		A
	Samuel Stroum	Seattle		A
	Tears of Joy Theater	Vancouver		A
	Fred Cordova		Filipino-American historian	H
	Joseph Locati		Italian-American historian	H
	Patrinell Wright		African-American choral director	H
1992	The Boeing Company	Seattle		A
	Doris Chase			A
	Robert Helm			A
	Erasmio Gamboa		Mexican-American historian	H
	Bruce (Subiyay) Miller		Skokomish ceremonial leader	H
1993	Judith Meltzer-Smith	Seattle		A
	Toppenish Mural Society	Toppenish		A
	Joe Wheeler, Centrum	Port Townsend		A
	Santiago Almeida		Conjunto musician	H
	Nettie Jackson		Klickitat master basketmaker	H
	Lillian Pullen		Quileute tradition bearer	H
1994	Corporate Council for the Arts (CCA)			A
	Phillip McCracken	Skagit County		A
	Northwest Asian American Theater			A
	Palmer Johnson		African-American jazz pianist	H
	TazueKiyono Sasaki		Buyo dance teacher	H
	Emilija Tutlys		Lithuanian weaver	H

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1995	Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benaroya	Seattle		A
	Columbia River Renaissance Art Committee	Vancouver		A
	Eastern Washington State Historical Society	Spokane		A
	Elaine Timentwa Emerson		Colville Basket Weaver	H
	Larry A. Geogre		Artist & storyteller	H
	Otto Oja		Logging historian	H
1996	The International Alliance of Theatrical Employees (Local 15), Studio Mechanics of the Pacific Northwest (Local 488) and Theatrical Wardrobe (Local 887)	Western Washington		A
	The Seattle Arts Commission	Seattle		A
	The Walla Walla Foundry with Director Mark Anderson	Walla Walla		A
	Pauline Hillaire		Lummi teacher and historian	H
	Robert Sherwood		Wellpinit storyteller and teacher	H
	Maria Petrish		Dir. Vela Luka Croatian Dance Ensemble & RuzeDalmatinke Orchestra, Ethnic Music & Dance	H
1997	Phillip Levine			A
	Walla Walla Symphony	Walla Walla		A
	Citizens of Metaline Falls	NE WA		A
	Tacoma Art Museum	Tacoma		A
	Carlton Appelo		Finish-American historian	H
	Sara Quaempts		Yakima traditional artist	H
	Maria Seo		Korean-American musician	H
	Wing Luke Museum	Seattle	Asian/Pacific Museum, Museum Dir. Ron Chew	H
1998	Max Benjamin	Anacortes		A
	Hedgebrook Writers Retreat	Langley		A
1998	Alan Iglitzin & the Philadelphia String Quartet	Seattle		A
	Skaidrite Abolins		Latvian embroiderer	H
	Ed Carriere		Suquamish carver	H
	Trinidad Marquez		Mexican-American Violinist	H
1999	Walter Graham	Wenatchee		A
	Jack Mackie	Seattle		A
	Museum of Northwest Art	LaConner		A
	Gloria Napalani Fujii		Polynesian cultural leader	H
	Michael Vlahovich		Yugoslavia boat builder	H

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	Bin-Liang Wang		Beijing Opera Producer	H
2000	Crossroads Youth Theater	Bellevue		A
	Sam Hamill	Port Townsend		A
	Linda Oestriech	Olympia		A
	Ralph Bennett		Haida woodcarver	H
	Mariachi Huenachi		High School Mariachi Band	H
	Irene Martin		Fisher scholar and historian	H
2001	Artist Trust	Seattle		A
	Carol Hassen	Yakima		A
	Gail Tremblay	Olympia		A
	Salvador Baldovinos		Mexican American musician	H
	Tatjana Krynytzky		Ukrainian traditional artist	H
	Hazel Pete		Chehalis basket weaver	H
2002	<i>No Awards Presented</i>			A, H
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2004	<i>No Awards Presented</i>			A,H
2005/06	Warren Chang	Bellevue		A
	Fabrication Specialties Ltd	Seattle		A
	Southeast Effective Development (SEED) Arts Program	Seattle		A
	Lifetime Achievement Award, Peter Donnelly	Seattle		A
	Virginia Beavert		Yakima Nation elder and teacher of sacred songs/language	H
	Wilho Saari		Finnish American musician and master of the kantele	H
	Wapato Indian Club	Yakima County	Native American heritage club and dance troupe	H
2007	Richard Elliott	Ellensburg		A
	Elizabeth Herres Miller	Yakima		A
	Gage Academy of Art	Seattle		A
	Michael Sandner	Tacoma	Bethel School District	A
	Elaine Grinnell		S'Klallam elder and storyteller	H
	Pete Peterson Sr.		Skokomish artist and cultural treasure	H
	Skye K. Richendrfer		Bagpiper and Director Celtic Arts Foundation	H
2008	<i>No awards presented</i>			A
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2010	<i>No awards presented</i>			A
2011	<i>No awards presented</i>			A
2012	Book-It Repertory Theatre	Seattle		A

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	Robert Maki	Kingston		A
	Lucia Perillo	Olympia		A
	Bailadores de Bronce	Seattle	Mexican Folkloric Dance Troupe	H
	Heritage University	Toppenish	Programs that serve multicultural populations that are geographically and educationally isolated	H
2012	Johnny Moses	Tulalip	Native American traditional singer & storyteller	H
	Maurice Rouman	Everett	Egyptian oud (lute) player and composer	H
2013	<i>No awards presented</i>			
2014	Arts Council of Snohomish County (The Schack Arts Center)	Everett	Arts Organization Award - The 40 year old organization has been operating since 2011 as the Schack Art Center, and is the primary visual arts education center in the North Puget Sound region.	A
	Norie Sato	Seattle	Individual Artist Award - Her artistic accomplishments and commitment to service to art and collaboration have been instrumental in cementing Seattle and the state of Washington's reputation as a stronghold in the national field of public art.	A
	Speight Jenkins	Seattle	Arts Organization Leadership Award - His expert leadership after 31 years at the Seattle Opera, and renowned depth of opera knowledge, have earned him recognition for his high caliber productions.	A
	The Evergreen State College Longhouse Education and Cultural Center	Olympia	Heritage Organization Award - The 20 year old Longhouse has made broad and lasting impacts in both contemporary and traditional Native arts and cultures throughout our state, across the nation, and in many places around the Pacific Rim.	H
	Earl Davis	Tokeland	Young Arts Leader Award - Manager of the Shoalwater Bay Carving Apprenticeship Program for the Shoalwater Bay Tribe. The program was created by the tribe's artists to expand the number of carvers who work in the artistic style historically known to the lower Columbia River, Willapa Bay, and Grays Harbor watershed areas.	A
	Johnpaul Jones	Bainbridge Island	Individual Heritage Award - Of Choctaw and Cherokee heritage, his award-winning work has enhanced the landscape and architectural structures throughout the state. This year, President Obama honored him with the 2013 National Humanities Medal.	H

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2015	Linda Hartzell	Seattle	Individual Artist Award - Artistic Director of Seattle Children's Theatre (SCT) for 31 years and a nationally and internationally respected authority on Theatre for Young Audiences (TYA).	A
	Northwest Sinfonietta	Seattle, Tacoma, Puyallup	Arts Organization Award - A consummate regional ensemble rooted in a passionate commitment to classical music, the Sinfonietta annually performs a full-season program before enthusiastic audiences in Seattle, Tacoma, and Puyallup.	A
	Jamie Valadez	Port Angeles	Heritage Individual Award - An ever-present, active participant in the Klallam language renaissance, culminating in the publishing of the comprehensive Klallam Dictionary. Her contribution in this area has represented a defining moment in the preservation of the culture's most important resource: language.	H
	Northwest Heritage Resources	Lake Forest Park	Heritage Organization Award - A non-profit organization first established in Washington state in 1995. Its mission is to conserve cultural heritage and to present, promote preserve and document the diverse cultural traditions of the Pacific Northwest.	H
	Heidi Arbogast	Spokane	Arts Educator Award - A Visual Thinking Strategy Educator and Teacher Trainer with the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane.	A
	Benjamin Hunter	Columbia City	Young Arts Leader Award - A talented musician, a dedicated music teacher, and an incredible arts activist with a bold vision of how the arts create community.	A
2016	Dr. Quinton Morris	Renton	Young Arts Leader Award - A Seattle University faculty member, founded Key to Change; a nonprofit with the mission of igniting positive change in the world through music and education; performs and lectures internationally with an emphasis on providing education and musical materials to under-resourced communities.	A
	Oscar M. Galvan	Toppenish	Individual Heritage Award - Tejano musician; promoter of Tejano music in the Northwest; honored by the Pacific Northwest Tejano Music Association; and inducted into the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame in Alice, Texas.	H
	Asia Pacific Cultural Center	Tacoma	Heritage Organization Award - APCC represents 47 Asia Pacific countries with the mission "to bridge communities and generations through arts, culture, education, and business."	H

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	Barbara Earl Thomas	Seattle	Individual Artist Award - An award-winning writer and arts administrator, Barbara's career spans more than 30 years. Several of her pieces are included in the State Art Collection. She's won two Seattle Arts and Culture Commission award for new non-fiction; received the Seattle Mayor's Arts Award in 2013, and in 2016 received the Artist Trust Twining Humber Award and the Seattle Stranger Genius Award for excellence in the arts	A
	Vashon Center for the Arts	Vashon	Arts Organization Award – VCA celebrated its 50 th Anniversary in 2016 and opened a state-of-the-art facility, expanding its campus for the arts to serve generations to come. VCA is one of Washington's oldest community arts non-profits, founding in 1966.	A
2017	Peter Christenson	Richland	Young Arts Leader Award – A multidisciplinary artist, filmmaker, and educator, Peter is co-founder of <i>Left of Center</i> , A GUERRILLA-MARKETING FIRM AND ARTIST COLLECTIVE. He is the catalyst behind the interventionist magazine and collaborative outfit <i>Null Set</i> .	A
	Terrance Robert Bernard Shaw	Olympia	Young Arts Leader Award - In 1998, during his senior year at Pacific Lutheran University, Terry began the Olympia Choral Society. After graduating from PLU, Terry earned a Master's Degree in Music from Boston University. In 2001 Terry was hired as choir director at Timberline High School. In 2012 Terry began writing songs based on actual encounters and conversations that he and his wife had had with members of local homeless camps. TENTS is a full scale musical theater production about homelessness, composed and produced by Terry.	A
	Living Voices	Seattle	Arts Education Award - Living Voices creates dynamic, interactive multi-media performances to bring life to history. Using historical perspectives based on real people and events, the Living Voices technique combines live performance with video, audio, visual aids, and discussion.	A
	Lynn Di Nino	Tacoma	Individual Artist Award – A freelance artists since 1974, Di Nino is self-taught and has been completely self-supporting through private commissions, shows, and gallery sales. Her sculptural work stems from news stories, usually involving social or political observation.	A
	Seattle Art Museum	Seattle	Arts Organization Award – As the leading visual art institution in the Pacific Northwest, SAM draws on its global collections, powerful exhibitions, and dynamic programs to provide unique educational resources benefiting the Seattle region, the Pacific Northwest, and beyond. From a strong foundation of Asian art to noteworthy	A

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			collections of African and Oceanic art, Northwest Coast Native American art, European and American art, and modern and contemporary art, the strength of SAM's collection of approximately 25,000 objects lies in its diversity of media, cultures, and time periods.	
	Deva Leinani Aiko Yamashiro	Vancouver	Individual Heritage Award - The late Deva Leinani Aiko Yamashiro was raised in Moanalua Gardens on the island of O`ahu. She began dancing hula as a young girl, learning from her aunts and 'ohana (family). She joined a hālau hula (hula school) in Honolulu in 1976, where she received her formal hula training from the renowned kumu hula (hula teacher) Victoria Holt Takamine. In 1998, her family moved to Vancouver, WA, where Deva quickly established herself as a hula instructor. In 2003, Deva founded a Hawaiian organization, Ke Kukui Foundation, enlisting the help of the local Hawaiian community who shared in her vision to preserve and share the Hawaiian culture with people of the Pacific Northwest.	H