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**Nominations Open for 2018 Business Support of the Arts Awards
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Commerce**

[Raleigh, NC]— United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2018 Business Support of the Arts Awards. The awards are presented annually to businesses, organizations, and individuals that promote the arts and humanities in Wake County in a significant way.

The 2018 Business Support of the Arts Awards, co-sponsored by The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, will be presented January 16, 2018 at the 7th annual State of Arts and Culture in Wake County event.

Deadline for nominations is November 30, 2017.

Categories for nomination:

- Large Business (More than 100 employees)
- Small Business (Less than 100 employees)
- Individual/Foundation
- Arts Education (Individual, business, or organization that has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to improving education through the arts.)

Entry requirements and nomination forms can be found at www.unitedarts.org. Any questions contact eoakley@unitedarts.org or call 919-839-1498 x 203.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Large Business:

• American Airlines, 1990 • Burroughs Wellcome Company, 1991 • Glaxo, Inc., 1992 • Capitol Broadcasting Company, 1995 • CP&L, 1996 • The News & Observer, 1997 • NORTEL Networks, 1998 • First Citizens Bank, 1999 • Hudson-Belk, 2000 • BTI, 2001 • ABB Inc., 2002 • Clancy & Theys Construction Co., 2002 • Time Warner Cable – Raleigh, 2003 • WakeMed, 2004 • BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina, 2005 • Wachovia Bank, 2006 • Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, LLP, 2007 • Touchstone Energy Cooperatives of NC, 2008 • BB&T, 2009 • Capital Bank, 2010 • The Umstead Hotel, 2011 • Progress Energy of the Carolinas, 2012 • Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP, 2013 • Allscripts, 2014 • PNC Bank, 2015 • Golden Corral, 2016 • UNC REX Healthcare, 2017

Small Business:

• Wyrick Robbins Yates and • Carolantic Realty, 1990 • Envirotek, Inc, 1991 • Parker, Poe, Adams & Bernstein, 1992 • Associated Insurers, Inc., 1993 • Spectator Magazine, 1994 • Clearscapes, 1995 • KPMG Peat Marwick LLP, 1996 • Deloitte & Touche LLP, 1997 • Crabtree Valley Mall, 1998 • John Montgomery Violins and Marsh Woodwinds, 1999 • Pearce, Brinkley, Cease + Lee, PA., 2000 • AV Metro, 2001 • Allen and Woodall, CPA, 2003 • Little Arts Gallery/Ruth Green, 2004 • Quail Ridge Books & Music, 2005 • Ruggero Piano, 2006 • Greg Paul Builders, Inc., 2007 • The Glenwood Agency, 2008 • The English Garden, 2009 • Irregardless Café and Catering, 2010 • Downtown Raleigh Alliance, 2011 • Stained Glass Associates, 2012 • National Pawn, 2013 • Senter, Stephenson, Johnson, PA, 2014 • Century 21 Triangle Group, 2015 • Jerry's Artarama, 2016 • Mitchell's Catering and Events, 2017

Individual/Foundation:

• R. Peyton Woodson III, 1990 • G. Smedes York, 1991 • Frank A. Daniels Jr., 1992 • Patricia R. Hackney, 1993 • C. Miller Sigmon, 1994 • Merrie R. Hedrick, 1995 • Jim & Peggy Fain, 1996 • Margot M. Richter, 1997 • Sherwood H. Smith, Jr., 1998 • Dianne Davidian, 1999 • Parker Call, 2000 • Peter Loftin, 2001 • K. D. Kennedy, 2001 • Dr Assad Meymandi, 2001 • A. J. Fletcher Foundation, 2001 • Lichtin Family Foundation, 2001 • Martha N. Zaytoun, 2002 • Anne Packer, 2003 • Kay Struffolino, 2004 • Benjamin K. Gibbs, 2005 • Dr. & Mrs. Shaler Stidham, Jr., 2006 • Margery and Earl Johnson, Jr., 2007 • Bobby Kadis, 2008 • Ben and Lianda Taylor • Anthony Blackman, 2010 • Dr. John Q. Walker, 2011 • Tim Stevens, 2012 • Elizabeth Beam, 2013 • Robert C. Morrow, 2014 • H. Clymer Cease, Jr., 2015 • John William Pope Foundation, 2016 • The Jandy Ammons Foundation, 2017

Arts Education:

• Raleigh Little Theatre Youth Program, 1995 • Arts Together, 1996 • Voices, 1997 • Artspace, 1998 • Lisa Geyer, 1999 • Artsposure, 2000 • Marilyn Brown, 2001 • Ise Mann, 2002 • CreARTivity, 2003 • Elizabeth Beam, 2004 • Explorer Post 512, 2005 • Artspace, 2006 • Vicki J. Perry, 2007 • Kathy Hopkins, 2008 • Elizabeth Grimes Droessler, 2009 • Community Music School, 2010 • Philharmonic Association, 2011 • Linda S. Bamford, 2012 • Raleigh Fine Arts Society, 2013 • Bill Brown & Chris Droessler, 2014 • Virginia Zehr, 2015 • Marshall Butler, 2016 • Judy Dove, 2017

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