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Business Support of the Arts Awards Announced for 2017

[Raleigh, NC]—United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County and the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce have named recipients of their annual Business Support of the Arts Awards, recognizing outstanding contributions to the arts in our area by businesses, organizations and individuals.

Awards are given in large business, small business, arts education and individual/foundation categories. The awards were presented on January 10 at the 7th Annual [State of Arts and Culture in Wake County](#) at the NC Museum of Art and are, as follows:

Large Business: UNC REX Healthcare

UNC REX Healthcare has been a leading supporter in the arts for decades, including one of the first corporate sponsors for Carolina Ballet. They also have been longtime presenters of the NC Symphony's Summerfest at Cary's Koka Booth Amphitheater. In addition, they have partnered with the North Carolina Museum of Art in helping to provide access to one of the country's leading collections of visual art to all residents of North Carolina.

Small Business: Mitchell's Catering and Events

Craig Mitchell and David Casteel have been instrumental in the success of the United Arts Council's signature fundraiser, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?, since its inception 11 years ago. Craig has also served as board chair for United Arts. Mitchell's Catering has supported many other arts organizations, including Artspace, Community Music School, North Carolina Opera and Raleigh Little Theatre.

Arts Education: Judy Dove

Judy M. Dove is a certified Theatre Arts educator who has taught for 36 years. She has directed Raleigh Little Theatre's production of Sleeping Beauty, and has written a series of plays for youth based on North Carolina history, which have been performed by the RLT Storytellers to Go! She is a member of the North Carolina Theatre Conference, the Dramatists Guild of America and Puppeteers of America.

Individual/ Foundation: The Jandy Ammons Foundation

The Jandy Ammons Foundation has made a significant impact in the local arts community through major investments in capital projects. In 2015 alone, the foundation gave \$105,000 in grants to Marbles Kids Museum, Raleigh Little Theatre, and WakeMed Foundation for arts-related projects. Some of projects they have supported include: the revitalization of the visual art center lobby at Artspace; accessibility upgrades and the replacement of outdated technical equipment at Raleigh Little Theatre; and a sculpture, “Bouquet”, by Thomas Sayre of Clearscapes, at the WakeMed North Women’s Hospital.



The United Arts Council’s mission is to build better communities through support and advocacy of the arts. The mission of the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce is to sustain and further develop a thriving economy and to enhance our community's quality of life.

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