



"To nurture and inspire the arts and artists in Merced County by creating a place for artistic discovery, community, and dialogue."

Excellence in Arts Awards

The Merced County Arts Council is seeking nominations for its inaugural "Excellence in Arts Awards" to honor those who have made an impact on the arts in our community.

The MCAC is pleased to announce its call for nominations for this new arts award. Are there people in our community who you know who have made an impact on the arts? Here's your chance to honor them.

Categories to be awarded are:

Music - Recognizing excellence and accomplishment in Music. Nominees may be musicians, composers, vocalists, music instructors or conductors.

Dance - Recognizing excellence and accomplishment in Dance. Nominees may be dancers, choreographers or dance instructors.

Theater Arts - Recognizing excellence and accomplishment in any of the Theater Arts. Nominees may be actors or other creative professionals; such as directors, "Behind the scenes" practitioners, such as costumers and set designers, etc., are also eligible.

Visual Arts - Recognizing excellence and accomplishment in any of the Visual Arts. Nominees may be artists utilizing any medium, including but not limited to painting, photography, sculpture, or digital.

Literary Arts - Recognizing excellence and accomplishment in Literary form. Nominees may be poets, writers of fiction, non-fiction, plays, essays or history.

Cultural Arts - Recognizing excellence and accomplishment to the contribution of Cultural Diversity. Nominees may include museum directors, curators, cultural arts leaders, etc.

Arts Education - Recognizing special initiatives or dedication to arts education. Nominees may be instructors in any arts discipline, at any level.

Patron of the Arts - Honoring an individual or family making significant financial contributions to the arts. Nominees may be any individual or family who has made a significant contribution to the arts through philanthropic services.

Support by a Business for the Arts - Honoring an organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts. Nominees may be any business whose strong support of the arts has been ongoing through philanthropic services.

Arts Legacy - Recognizing an individual for outstanding dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in our community. Nominees may be selected for their contributions to the arts in programmatic, artistic, organizational, volunteer, advocacy, funding and any other area that provides substantial and recognizable support for the arts in our community.

Lifetime Achievement - Recognizing an individual who has dedicated herself or himself to creating, teaching, sharing or inspiring artistic expression in any discipline.

Deadline for nominations is January 31, 2018.

The Excellence in Arts Awards will be presented at the MAC on the evening of March 23, 2018.



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The Merced County Arts Council is pleased to announce its call for nominations for its Excellence in Arts Awards. Merced County has a vibrant and growing cultural arts community, and the MCAC would like to celebrate individuals and groups within our county who have made an impact on the arts. The Excellence in Arts Awards will be presented at a special evening event on March 23, 2018 (tentatively) at the Multicultural Arts Center.

We are asking for nominations for the following categories. If you would like to nominate an individual, organization, or business who exemplifies excellence, please, check the appropriate category. One nomination per form; however, you may submit nominations in more than one category. Use the definitions on the previous page as the criteria to help guide you in selecting your nominee.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Legacy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Support by a Business for the Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron of the Arts | |

Nomination deadline: January 31, 2018. Please send nominations to Merced County Arts Council, 645 W. Main Street, Merced CA 95340, or email director@artsmerced.org.

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Organization (if applicable): _____

Nominator's Phone Number: _____

Nominator's Email: _____



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Excellence in Arts Awards Nomination

I would like to nominate the following individual, organization, or business:

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Award Category: _____

In order to be considered, in the space below (you may use an additional page), please, give:
several, specific details/examples of why this person's work in a field of creative arts is exemplary.

We encourage attaching digital images or videos to showcase the nominee's work. YouTube Videos are accepted.