

WHO WOULD YOU NOMINATE?



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2011

ARTSWESTCHESTER invites you to submit a nomination for its 2011 Arts Award. The award recognizes individuals and organizations whose vision, commitment, and leadership enrich Westchester, its communities, and its citizens. ArtsWestchester will present the Arts Award at the annual Arts Award Luncheon in early April, 2011.

Please help us identify candidates for this year's awards. ArtsWestchester is open to a broad and diverse definition of artistic endeavor. More than one award may be given in a particular category.

categories

Arts Patron. A person who lives or works in Westchester County and has made a significant contribution to the arts through his/her extraordinary leadership, personal commitment, and philanthropic activities, thereby advancing artistic excellence and enriching the Westchester community, and has provided consistent support of the arts without direct financial compensation.

Artist. An artist who lives or works in Westchester County and whose achievements in his/her artistic discipline are nationally recognized, whose work has demonstrated a compelling and unique vision, and who has produced a significant body of work or record of performance that has had an impact on the cultural world and upon the general public.

Arts Organization. A Westchester County non-profit arts organization that has made an important contribution to the growth of Westchester's cultural life over a significant period of time, and has had an impact beyond its immediate community.

Community. An artist, individual, group, organization or agency that has demonstrated extraordinary vision and leadership in using the arts to enhance community life, to increase access to cultural experiences, or to enrich the county's cultural heritage. Candidates have a long-standing involvement in the arts rather than involvement in a one-time initiative.

Education. An artist or individual, group, school, district or organization who, through extraordinary vision and leadership, has enriched arts education in Westchester.

In addition to bestowing awards in the designated categories, from time to time the Arts Award Committee may use its discretion to present additional awards.

deadline date

All nomination forms must be **RECEIVED** (not postmarked) by ArtsWestchester on or before 5pm on **December 15, 2010**. ArtsWestchester cannot accept nominations by email or fax.

general information and guidelines

- ArtsWestchester is open to a broad and diverse definition of artistic endeavor.
- You may nominate more than one candidate or re-nominate a person or organization that had been nominated in the past. Self-nominations are accepted, however nominations from the community will be more competitive.
- Previous awardees are eligible for nomination provided that 5 years have passed since their last award.
- Award recipients are expected to accept the award in person at the luncheon.
- A panel will review nominations and select awardees. The panelists represent a diverse range of experience and points of view.
- The panel will base its recommendation on submitted materials.
- The panel may recommend more than one award in a category.
- Frequently, several nominations are received for one candidate. While the panel may consider multiple nominations a sign of strong community support, the panel's decision is based upon its overall assessment of merit.
- The panel may use its discretion to move a nomination into a category in which it may be more competitive. If this is the case, ArtsWestchester will make every effort to inform the nominator.

2011 Arts Award Nomination Cover Sheet

A nomination consists of a cover sheet, narrative and support materials.
Complete this form as a cover sheet and attach to each copy of your narrative.
You may recreate this form but must follow the format.



Please check only one box:

- Arts Patron Artist Arts Organization Community Education

Nominated by:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Day phone (_____) _____ - _____

Fax (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Nominee Information:

Name/Organization (include contact) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Day phone (_____) _____ - _____

Fax (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Narrative. Attach a brief (one page) but detailed summary of the candidate's achievements and contributions. Provide details about specific projects and/or activities, as well as explaining why you think the nominee merits the award. Be sure to include information about the nominee's contribution to Westchester's cultural life. Handwritten applications will not be accepted.

Support materials. Include relevant support materials, such as bios, publications, and news clippings. **Letters of support are encouraged.** (*please do not send more than three samples of any one type*). Please include a self-addressed envelope with any material that you wish returned to you.

Copies. Submit 10 copies of each nomination, including all relevant support materials.

Mail the complete nomination package to:

ArtsWestchester, Attn: Arts Award Committee, 31 Mamaroneck Ave, White Plains, NY 10601

Nominations must be received (not postmarked) on or before 5:00pm on December 15, 2010.

For questions, contact Eric Siegel at 914-428-4220 x273; esiegel@artswestchester.org