



To advance and promote arts and culture in the Wichita community through advocacy, leadership, education and collaboration.

40th Annual Art Awards

October - 2009

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

The Annual Arts Council Awards were established in 1969 to recognize and honor those businesses, foundations and individuals who have displayed consistent and exemplary support of the arts and humanities in Wichita and Sedgwick County. These awards focus attention on the importance of the arts as they relate to the quality of life in our community and honor those who have made major creative achievements or significant contributions to cultural growth or development. Approximately 200 people have attended our Annual Art Awards event for the past several years. A list of past recipients and award categories is included for your information.

The Arts Council recently approved a new mission statement, which is printed at the top of this document. The City Council has helped to support this mission since 2005 by dedicating one mill levy to be awarded to non-profit organizations through a re-granting process called Cultural Funding. In 2006 this was equivalent to almost \$3 million. This funding has been a tremendous boost to help raise the level of the arts in Wichita. However, in two years it may be gone. It is vital that the arts community band together to find a permanent funding source.

For 2008, the Arts Council is expanding the Art Awards to include advocacy and education along with continuing to recognize outstanding individuals and groups for their contributions and achievements. We have secured Robert Lynch, Executive Director for the Americans for the Arts as our keynote speaker. On the evening of November 5th the Arts Council is hosting a private reception for Mr. Lynch and 50 - 100 arts patrons. This will be an "invitation only" event. We are also offering breakfast, a kickoff message from Mr. Lynch and a presentation on economic and creative industry during the day on the November 6th for a nominal charge. On the evening of November 6th we are planning to host a dinner and awards ceremony at a ticket price of \$55 for members and \$60 for non-members.

We are offering several levels of sponsorship so that you can help us to make the 2008 Art Awards, not only an evening to pay tribute to the Arts in Wichita but, more importantly, help us to leave a lasting legacy of supporting the Arts in our community by hosting three separate events outlined above.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$10,000 or more in kind/cash: logo on poster, designated as presenting sponsor on program and invitations, website, link to your website, 16 tickets to the awards dinner, 8 tickets to the private reception

\$5,000 or more in kind/cash: logo on poster, program and invitations, website, link to your website, 8 tickets to the awards dinner, 4 tickets to the private reception

\$2,500 or more in kind/cash: listed on poster, program, invitations and website, 4 tickets to the awards dinner, 2 tickets to the private reception.

\$1,000 or more in kind/cash: listed on poster, program, invitations and website, 2 tickets to the awards dinner, 1 ticket to the private reception

\$500 or more in kind/cash: logo on poster, program and invitations, website and mention in all media advertising, 2 tickets to the awards dinner.

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