

THE DEPOT FOUNDATION ARTS AND CULTURE AWARDS

Established in 1999, the Depot Foundation annually honors individuals and organizations that make a valuable community difference through their contribution to the region's premier arts and culture organizations.

Individuals, including artists, professional administrators, volunteers and philanthropists, as well as organizations from any artistic or cultural group at the Depot are eligible. Awards are presented at the discretion of the Board of Directors. The six award categories are:

The Depot Foundation Arts and Culture **Initiative Award**:

Recognizes those individuals or organizations demonstrating exemplary initiative in creating opportunities in or expanding access to the arts and culture of our region.

The Depot Foundation Arts and Culture **Community Enrichment Award**:

Recognizes bold steps taken by individuals or organizations in strengthening the arts and culture of our region.

The Depot Foundation Arts and Culture **Lifetime Achievement Award**:

Recognizes an individual or organization for their lifetime contribution to the arts and culture of our region.

The Depot Foundation **Artist Award**:

Recognizes an Arrowhead regional artist for artistic excellence and whose distinguished career has made significant contributions to the development of artists/the arts in the region. Artists in all disciplines are eligible for the award, including: ceramics, dance, film, literature, music, theater, and visual arts.

The Depot Foundation **Historic Preservation Award**:

Recognizes an individual, organization or project that has made a substantial impact on historic preservation and/or interpretation in the region. Creative, inspirational leaders, organizations or projects that have distinguished themselves in the areas of historic preservation and/or interpretation, including: preservation, restoration or rehabilitation of significant buildings, artifacts, documents and the interpretation of such, are eligible.

The Depot Foundation **Lifetime Artist Award**:

Recognizes an artist for excellence and whose ability and vision have made a positive impact on our community throughout their lifetime.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES:

- For all awards **except the Historic Preservation Award**, the individuals and organizations must have an affiliation with the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center, Depot Foundation or with one of the Participating Arts and Cultural Organizations.
- The work for which individuals and/or organizations are being nominated must have taken place in the regional area served by the Depot.
- In the enrichment and initiative categories consideration will be given for achievements in the year immediately preceding the presentation.
- If no suitable candidate is agreed upon in any of the categories, no award will be presented in that particular category.
- Consideration will be given to all organizations and individuals. Size of organizations and widespread public notice will not be the basis of decisions.
- Award recommendations that are presented to the board will include a rationale for selection.
- The Depot Foundation Board of Directors will approve the final award recipients.
- Award winners or their representatives will be personally notified in advance.
- Only award recipient's names will be released – nominees will not be publicly announced.
- Nominations are retained for three years.
- No candidate may receive more than one award.
- No posthumous awards will be made.
- Awards will be presented annually at the *Circle of Friends* event in the Fall.

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