

2009 TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS AWARDS

Nomination Criteria



Thank you for your interest in the 2009 Texas Medal of Arts Awards!

Saluting the Arts in Texas

On April 6th and 7th, 2009 in Austin, the Texas Cultural Trust will celebrate the creative excellence, exemplary talents and outstanding contributions by Texans in selected categories through the Texas Medal of Arts Awards. Inspired by the National Endowment for the Arts' Awards given each year by the President of the United States, the Texas Medal of Arts Awards event is intended to raise substantial visibility and financial support for arts education and arts programs throughout the state.

Texas Medal of Arts winners will be honored at multiple festivities in 2009. We encourage you to nominate the Texas artist, individual, organization, or corporation that you think is the very best in their respective category. Previous Honorees are posted on the Texas Cultural Trust website at <http://www.txculturaltrust.org/tmaa/>.

Rationale

The Texas Medal of Arts Awards strives to honor both distinguished Texas artists and persons or organizations that have encouraged the advancement of the arts in Texas, whether through personal achievement or unfailing support.

Categories

Nominations may be submitted for individuals or organizations who have contributed to the arts in the following categories:

Architecture, Arts Education, Arts Patron (Individual, Corporation, Foundation), Craft, Dance, Folk Arts, Lifetime Achievement, Literary Arts, Media/Multi-Media (Television, Film), Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts

Eligibility of Artists

Nominees must have been born in the State of Texas or done the major portion of their work in Texas to qualify. Texas Medal of Arts Honorees **must be present at the Awards Ceremony on April 6th and 7th, 2009 in Austin** in order to receive their awards.

Sponsoring Organization

The Texas Cultural Trust Council is a 501(c) 3 charitable organization created in 1995 to raise public awareness of and support for the arts in Texas as a vehicle to improve the quality of public education and to stimulate economic growth.

Selection Committee

A committee will be appointed by the Texas Cultural Trust to review nominations. All members of the Selection Committee will have a history of involvement with the arts in Texas.

Multiple Nominations

You may nominate more than one person or organization to receive an award. Please fill out separate nomination forms for each nominee. Please photocopy your original form or print the Texas Medal of Arts Awards Nomination Form from the following website: <http://www.txculturaltrust.org/tmaa>.

Professional Summary and Accomplishments Description

List career highlights and a brief description of what your artist, patron or organization has accomplished and the discipline in which they contributed. Please include any biographical material about your nominee in this one-page description. You may submit up to one additional page of detailed accomplishments.

Supplemental Materials

You may include supplemental materials, but it is not necessary. Supplemental materials may include one brochure, one book, a set of slides/photos (10 photos maximum) or a music sample. Supplemental materials will not be returned.

Nomination Submissions

Completed nomination forms and accompanying one-page professional accomplishments summaries can be submitted by mail, email, or fax to:

BY MAIL:

Nominations, 2009 Texas Medal of Arts
c/o Texas Cultural Trust
823 Congress Avenue, Suite 650
Austin, TX 78701

BY EMAIL:

tmaa@txculturaltrust.org

BY FAX:

(512) 478-5292

Deadline

Nomination forms must be postmarked no later than **January 15, 2008**. For more information, please contact the Texas Cultural Trust by calling (877) 651-8282 or (512) 478-5289, or via email at tmaa@txculturaltrust.org.

Confirmation of Nomination

You will receive confirmation from the Texas Cultural Trust by email or fax. If the Selection Committee requires additional information, you will be contacted directly.

Nominations Open: October 31, 2007 — Submission Deadline: January 15, 2008