

# House of Representatives State of Tennessee



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Dear Friends:

The following information on the Governor's Arts Awards nominations may be of interest to you or someone you may know.

Sincerely,

Representative Donna Rowland

The Governor's Arts Awards were established in 1971 to recognize those individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Tennessee. These awards are Tennessee's highest honor in the arts, recognizing the outstanding contributions of artists, arts organizations, volunteers, schools, educators, local governments, legislators and corporate citizens in the state or nationally. The 2009 awards will be represented in Nashville at the War Memorial Building on April 14<sup>th</sup> during a ceremony produced by the Tennessee Arts Commission.

## **AWARD CATEGORIES**

### **FOLKLIFE HERITAGE AWARD**

To recognize folk artists or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to artistic tradition. The award is intended to honor long term achievements within art forms that are rooted in the traditional or ethnic culture of Tennessee.

### **ARTS LEADERSHIP AWARD**

To recognize organizations, businesses, educators, patrons, arts administrators, corporations and volunteers that have demonstrated significant support or participation in activities which foster excellence in, appreciation of or access to the arts throughout the State of Tennessee.

### **DISTINGUISHED ARTIST AWARD**

To recognize Tennessee artists of exception talent and creativity, in any discipline, that over the course of a career have contributed to the arts and have helped guide and influence directions, trends and aesthetic practices on a state and national level.

For more information and to request a nomination form, please contact the Tennessee Arts Commission at (615) 741-1701.