



2012 Artist in Residence Awards Farmington Area Arts Commission January 11, 2012

Dear Farmington Community Member,

Each year since 1976, the Farmington Area Arts Commission (FAAC) has recognized the achievements of individuals and groups by naming honorees from candidates in art, drama, dance, literature, music, photography and film/video. The Artist-in-Residence Award recognizes the talent and accomplishments of an individual who resides in Farmington or Farmington Hills with a special plaque and invites them to be honored, along with artists from the Farmington Art Foundation and the High School Student Art winners at an awards reception at the Costick Activities Center. This year's award ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 pm.

The Distinguished Service to the Arts Award recognizes outstanding service to the community in the creative arts. Groups or individuals may receive this award for support, promotion, management or teaching of the arts and are also honored with a plaque at the Ceremony.

This year, the Commission has expressed the desire that the awards receive greater exposure, in order to express the pride we have in our community's incredible talent and dedication to the arts. As a result, winners will be presented to the City Councils at a public meeting, and have more opportunities to take part in activities throughout the year.

In addition, the Commission is asking the Artist of the Year winners to become an active part of this very positive process as well, whether it is visiting the public schools to share their art form with students, giving a talk in a public location such as the library, or by other means in which the artist may feel comfortable. The Artist in Residence and Distinguished Service to the Art winners will also be invited to public events as a Cities representative and an honored guest of the Commission. You will notice a space to elaborate community activity possibilities on the application where you (or your nominee) can suggest how he/she may want to make their own particular contribution to the community. This is an important part of the 2012 application.

We urge you to nominate a deserving Farmington and Farmington Hills musician, vocalist, writer, art or music teacher, dancer, photographer, conductor, painter, sculptor, actor or filmmaker for these awards. Enclosed is a nomination form that should be returned accompanied by a complete package including samples, publicity clippings, resume and other information to ensure that the candidate receives a strong representation of his/her accomplishments. Performing artists should submit a videotape, audiocassette, CD or DVD for consideration. Previously nominated candidates are encouraged to re-apply; however, previous awardees are not eligible.

All applications must be received by Monday, March 12. Please send or deliver materials to:

Artist-in-Residence Committee
Cultural Arts Division
28600 Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Sincerely,

Farmington Area Arts Commission
(248) 473-1856