

Nominations for Mayor's Arts Awards extended to August 28



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The City of Ventura, on behalf of Mayor Cheryl Heitmann, welcomes nominations for the 9th annual Mayor's Arts Awards, recognizing the artistic achievements and contributions to the cultural community by city residents, artists, educators, organizations and business leaders. Download nomination forms at cityofventura.net/maa which will be accepted until Thursday, August 28 in six categories:

Arts Patron, a business or individual whose strong support of the arts has been ongoing through philanthropic and/or volunteer service;

Artist in the Community, an established individual artist (in any discipline) for artistic excellence and singular efforts in contributing to Ventura's cultural vitality;

Creative Entrepreneur, a locally owned for-profit business that exemplifies the impact and vitality of Ventura's creative economy;

Arts Leader, a nonprofit arts professional who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, organizational stewardship and partnership within the local arts community;

Arts Educator, an individual or organization whose achievements and contributions to arts education have been significant and far reaching;

Emerging Artist, awarded to a working artist (in any discipline) under the age of 40 who has demonstrated outstanding promise and commitment to the Ventura arts community (students are ineligible).

A panel of community members, including representatives from the arts and business worlds, will review applications based on: the significance and magnitude of the nominee's contributions; leadership in the arts community and commitment to service to the arts over a significant period of time; benefit and impact of the nominee's contribution to the citizens of the City of Ventura; and potential contribution to the arts in the emerging artist category.

Mayor Heitmann will present the non-monetary awards at a reception November 5. Each recipient receives a limited edition artwork created by artist Lis J. Schwitters entitled Mark of Excellence. This year's awards are being presented as a joint project of the Community Development and the Parks, Recreation and Community Partnerships Departments.

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