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**City of Ventura Mayor announces recipients of 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards,  
public invited to attend November 2 reception**

Mayor Erik Nasarenko has announced the recipients of the 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards as part of the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the award ceremony. The public is invited to attend a free reception to honor the recipients on Thursday, November 2, 2017, at 5:30 pm at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 East Main Street in Ventura. This year's celebration will include free tours of the museum beginning at 5:30 pm followed by the presentation at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Five important individuals in Ventura are receiving this prestigious honor for their art and extraordinary work to strengthen community vitality through arts and culture:

**Arts Patron** – Paul Lindhard, Art City Studios

**Arts Leader** – Karyl Lynn Burns, Rubicon Theatre Company

**Arts Educator** – Teri Willison, Cabrillo Middle School

**Artist in the Community** – Charles Anthony Kubilos, sculptor, carver

**Student Artist** – Cameryn Boggio-Shean, musician

"This year's talented honorees have made exceptional contributions to the success of arts in Ventura," said Mayor Nasarenko. "The arts culture is a cornerstone of our city that improves our quality of life and helps to drive our economy."

Nominations for the 2017 Mayor's Arts Awards were submitted by the public. The honorees were selected by the awards committee and approved by the Mayor and Cultural Affairs Commission based on the significance and magnitude of their contribution to the City of Ventura. Each honoree will receive the "Mark of Excellence," a special edition work on paper created by artist Lis Schwitters.

No reservations or tickets are required for this event. For recipient bios and more information about the Mayor's Arts Awards contact Kathryn Dipping Lawson at [kdipping@cityofventura.ca.gov](mailto:kdipping@cityofventura.ca.gov).

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