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# AAME seeks nominations for Arts Achievement Awards

The Arts Alliance Mountain Empire announces the call for nominations for its fourth AAME Arts Achievement Awards. The awards will recognize five living individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the arts in the Tri-Cities area. Previous winners include Amanda Aldridge, Nancy Arnold, Schéry Collins, Nancy DeFriece, Marvin and Marcia Gilliam, Charles Goolsby, Val Lyle, Beth McCoy, Michele Plescia, Deanna Cole-Roberts, Rick Rose, Bill and Diane Thomas, Benjamin Walls, Laura Ann Warner and Betsy White.

The five awards will come from these categories: Artist – Achievement in the Arts: Theatre, Music, Dance, Visual Arts, Literary Arts or Photography; Arts Educator – Achievement in arts education in a college or university, primary or secondary school; Arts Administrators – Achievement in the management of arts institutions; and Arts Advocate – Achievement in sustaining the arts through volunteering or financial support.

The selection will be based on artistic excellence, perseverance and a deep commitment and sustained contributions to the arts and the cultural community.

The nominees should reside in Washington and Sullivan Counties in Tennessee, Bristol, Kingsport and Johnson City in Tennessee, Washington County, Virginia, or Bristol, Virginia.

A gala awards ceremony will be held May 19 to honor the winners.

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Nominations can be made online at [aamearts.org](http://aamearts.org), or the form on page 19 can be filled out and returned to AAME, P.O. Box 94, Bristol, TN 37621. The deadline for nominations is March 1, *A!*

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