

AAME Arts Achievement Awards seek nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the fourth annual Arts Achievement Awards, sponsored by the Arts Alliance Mountain Empire. The awards are designed to recognize living individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the arts in the region.

The five annual award winners come from these categories: Artist — achievement in theater, music, dance, visual arts or literary arts; 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 Advocates — achievement in sustaining the arts through volunteering or financial support.

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

Nomination forms can be obtained on the Arts Alliance Mountain Empire website (www.aamearts.org) or in

the print editions of the January or February editions of A! Magazine for the Arts. The deadline for accepting nominations is Friday, March 1.

Past winners have included Amanda Aldridge, Nancy Arnold, Kelly Bremner, Schéry Collins, Nancy DeFriece, Marvin and Marcia Gilliam, Charles Goolsby, Cornelia Laemml-Orth, Val Lyle, Beth McCoy, Michele Plescia, Mary Beth Rainero, Deanna Cole-Roberts, Leah Ross, Richard Rose, Bill and Diane Thomas, Charles Vess, Benjamin Walls, Laura Ann Warner and Betsy White.

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For more information contact Gloria Oster at ostergf@gmail.com or visit www.aamearts.org. *A!*

Burns Night Dinner benefits ETSU's Thomas G. Burton Scholarship

East Tennessee State University's Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program hosts a Burns Night Dinner to benefit the Thomas G. Burton Scholarship Fund Friday, Jan. 25, from 7-9 p.m. in the Grand Soldiers Ballroom at the Carnegie Hotel in Johnson City.

Burns Night Dinners are held around the world to celebrate the works and life of Scotland's national bard, Robert Burns (1759-1796).

Wellington's Restaurant provides a traditional dinner with entertainment by ETSU's Celtic band. The running order for the evening includes piping in the haggis, known as the national dish of Scotland; the address to the haggis; the toast to the haggis; the presentation of the "Immortal Memory," which is "a rather serious and careful consideration of the life and art of Robert Burns;" and the singing of Burns' most famous song, "Auld Lang Syne."

The Burton Scholarship Endowment was created to honor Dr. Thomas Burton, who initiated and developed the Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program, and to financially assist student participants in the ASIS Study Abroad course in Scotland and Ireland. The ASIS Program is part of ETSU's Department of Appalachian Studies.

Tickets to the Burns Night Dinner are \$75 per person or \$130 for a couple. A portion of the ticket cost is tax deductible. Seating is limited and guests should RSVP by Jan. 21. For tickets, contact Kevin Masters at 423-979-6718 or kevin@wellingtonsrestaurant.com.

For more information on the Burns Night Dinner or the Appalachian, Scottish and Irish Studies Program, contact Dr. Jane MacMorran, ASIS director, at macmorra@etsu.edu. For disability accommodations, call the ETSU Office of Disability Services at 423-439-8346. *A!*



Nomination Form Arts Alliance Mountain Empire Arts Achievement Awards 2019

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Recipients may include artists; arts educators in schools, colleges and universities; arts advocates and volunteers; and administrators of arts institutions.

The selection is based on artistic excellence, perseverance, commitment and sustained contributions to the arts and the cultural community. An awards ceremony May 18 recognizes the winners. Current AAME board members and A! Magazine committee members are not eligible to enter.

Categories for the awards — Five Awards, selected from these categories

- Artist — Achievement in performance, visual and literary arts
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Name of nominee _____

Nominee's address _____

Nominee's email address and telephone number _____

Does nominee know about this nomination ___ Yes ___ No

Will nominee be in town May 18, 2019 for the ceremony? ___ Yes ___ No

Name of person making nomination _____

Contact information for person making the nomination—address, email & telephone number _____

To nominate someone: Please fill out the above form or visit www.aamearts.org to complete it online.

Describe in an attached statement the qualities you feel make your nominee a deserving recipient of this award.

Mail the nomination form and statement to

Arts Alliance Mountain Empire
P.O. Box 94, Bristol, TN 37621

Nominations must be received by March 1, 2019.