



NEBRASKA ARTS COUNCIL

Governor's Arts Awards Recipients 1978 - 2018

Abendmusik: Lincoln Inc Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1988
African Culture Connection Omaha Heritage Award	2012
Albion Area Arts Council Inc Albion Organizational Achievement	1994
Alegent Health Omaha Partner in the Arts	2008
Alexander Payne Omaha Outstanding Artist	2018
Allan Tubach Falls City Governor's Arts Award	1988
Andrew Ek & Matt Mason Omaha Emerging Leader	2014
Andrew Norman Omaha Emerging Leader	2016
Anna Nolan & Allen Covault David City Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2018
Anne Trumble Omaha Emerging Leader	2012
Art Farm Marquette Organizational Achievement	2008
Art in Park Arts Festival Inc Kearney Governor's Arts Award	1981
Arthur Pierce Kearney Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2008
Arts for All, Inc Omaha Organizational Achievement	2016
Audun Ravnan Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1981
Bailey-Lauerman and Associates Lincoln Partner in the Arts	2004
Bankers Life of NE & Harry Seward Lincoln General Award	1978
Barbara Zach Lincoln Emerging Leader	2010
Bassett City Council & James Shaw, Mayor Bassett General Award	1979
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts Omaha Organizational Achievement	2000
Bernice Slote - University of Nebraska Lincoln General Award	1979
Black Ministerial Association Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1982
Blue Barn Theatre Omaha Organizational Achievement	2012

Bob Hall Lincoln Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2010
Bob Nefsky Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	2018
Bob Schmer and His Polka Plybys Scottsbluff Heritage/Folk Arts	1992
Brownville Concert Series Brownville Organizational Achievement	2010
Brownville Village Theatre & Henry & Phyllis Blanke General Award	1979
Butler County Arts Council David City Organizational Achievement	2002
Carl Beck & Susan Baer Collins Omaha Outstanding Artist	2014
Carnegie Arts Center Alliance Organizational Achievement	2000
Carol Cope Kearney Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2006
Cathedral Arts Project Omaha Organizational Achievement	1998
Catherine & Terry Ferguson Omaha Leonard Thiessen Award	2012
Charles Monasee Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	1992
Charles Trimble Omaha Heritage/Folk Arts	2006
Chip Davis Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	1990
Cliffs Notes Inc Lincoln Partner in the Arts	1994
Community Players, Inc. Beatrice Organizational Achievement	2006
Connie Dillow Wahoo Excellence in Arts Education	2012
Cooper Foundation Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1984
D.B "Woody" Varner Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	1992
Don Doll Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2006
Don Hinds Fremont Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2004
Donald D. Ruleaux Chadron Excellence in Arts Education	2012
Douglas Marr Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	1994
Duane Hutchinson Lincoln Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	1998
Dudley's Dry Cleaners and Launderers Norfolk Partner in the Arts	2002
Durwood B "Woody" Varner Lincoln General Award	1978
E.N. "Jack" Thompson Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	2002
Educational Service Unit #11 Holdrege Excellence in Arts Education	1998
El Museo Latino Omaha Heritage/Folk Arts	2002

Elmer Crumbley Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	2002
Emmy Gifford Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1983
Ernest Richardson Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	2016
Frances Thurber, Ph.D Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	2006
Fred & Eve Simon Omaha Leonard Thiessen Award	2010
Fred & Lorraine Teller Hastings Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2006
Friends of the Midwest Theater Scottsbluff Organizational Achievement	2012
Ft. Robinson Centennial, Inc. Crawford Governor's Arts Award	1984
GFWC/NE Fed of Women's Clubs Statewide Excellence in Arts Education	1996
Gladys M. Lux Lincoln General Award	1979
Gospel Music Workshop Omaha Heritage Award	2010
Grace Varney Broken Bow General Award	1978
Greeley Irish Festival Greeley Heritage Award	2016
Gulizia Brothers Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	1996
Hal & Gretchen Lainson Hastings Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2002
Harold & Marian Andersen Omaha Partner in the Arts	1996
Harriet Hughes Ainsworth Excellence in Arts Education	2004
Harry & Nancy Duncan Omaha General Award	1979
Hastings Civic Symphony Hastings General Award	1978
Helen Cherniack Omaha Leonard Thiessen Award	1996
Henry Fonda Los Angeles, CA Governor's Arts Award	1982
James and Rhonda Seacrest Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	2006
Jamie Burmeister Omaha Outstanding Artist	2016
Jennifer Boomgaarden Omaha Emerging Leader	2010
Jim & Ruth Keene Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	1998
Joan Squires Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2012
John Beasley Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2010
John Mangan Macy Excellence in Arts Education	2010
Johnny Carson Foundation Beverly Hills CA Leonard Thiessen Award	2016

Jordan Huether Gordon Emerging Leader	2018
Joseph Cabral Omaha Heritage/Folk Arts	1996
Josie Metal-Corbin Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	2000
Joslyn Art Museum Omaha Organizational Achievement	2016
Joslyn Art Museum Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1985
Juli Burney Lincoln Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2002
Jun Kaneko Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2012
Karen Janovy Lincoln Excellence in Arts Education	2006
Karen Kunc Avoca Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2000
Kathy & Marc LeBaron Lincoln Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2012
Kearney Community Theatre Kearney Organizational Achievement	1996
Kearney State Bank and Trust Kearney Governor's Arts Award	1986
Keith Heckman Lincoln Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2010
Keith Jacobshagen Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1986
Kim Dinsdale Grand Island Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2018
Kris Ann Sullivan Kearney Excellence in Arts Education	2000
Ky & Jane Rohman Lincoln Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	1994
LaVon Crosby Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1986
Lawrence A. "Larry" Enersen Lincoln General Award	1979
Leonard Thiessen Omaha General Award	1978
Lexington Arts Council Lexington Organizational Achievement	2004
Lied Center for Performing Arts Lincoln Organizational Achievement	2008
Lincoln Community Playhouse Lincoln Organizational Achievement	1994
Lincoln Friends of Chamber Music Lincoln Organizational Achievement	1990
Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Lincoln Organizational Achievement	2018
Lincoln Symphony Orchestra Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1986
Luigi Waites Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	1996
Lux Center for the Arts Lincoln Organizational Achievement	2014
Margaret Hornady Grand Island Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2016

Mary Reipma Ross NYC Leonard Thiessen Award	1994
Meadowlark Music Festival Lincoln Organizational Achievement	2006
Megan Terry Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	1992
Merle Stalder Falls City Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2008
Metropolitan Community College Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2014
Michael and Gail Yanney Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2000
Michael James Lincoln Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2008
Museum of Nebraska Art Kearney Organizational Achievement	2010
Museum of the Fur Trade Chadron Heritage/Folk Arts	2008
Nancy Duncan Omaha Outstanding Artist (Artist of the Year)	2004
NE Art Collection Foundation Kearney Governor's Arts Award	1985
NE Art Teachers Assoc. Lincoln Excellence in Arts Education	2018
NE Shakespeare Festival Omaha Organizational Achievement	2004
NE State Historical Society State of NE Heritage/Folk Arts	2004
Nebraska Arts Association Lincoln General Award	1979
Nebraska Council of Home Extension Clubs Lincoln General Award	1979
Nebraska State Senator John Nelson Omaha Leonard Thiessen Award	2014
NETV & Ron Hull Lincoln General Award	1978
Norfolk Arts Center Norfolk Organizational Achievement	2014
Norman Geske Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	2004
Norman Geske Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1983
Norman Geske Lincoln General Award	1978
North Platte Community Playhouse Inc Governor's Arts Award	1983
Northern Natural Gas Co & Willis Strauss Omaha General Award	1978
Omaha Community Playhouse (& C. Jones) Governor's Arts Award	1982
Omaha Opportunities Industrialization Center Governor's Arts Award	1981
Omaha Performing Arts Omaha Organizational Achievement	2018
Omaha Steaks Inc. Partner in the Arts (Business Leadership Award)	1998
Omaha Symphony Association & Maestro T. Briccetti Governor's Arts Award	1979

Omaha Theater Company for Young People Organizational Achievement	2002
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Macy Heritage/Folk Arts	1992
Opera Omaha Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1984
Oscar "Pop" Bennett Lincoln General Award	1978
Patsy Koch Johns Lincoln Excellence in Arts Education	2014
Pawnee Art Center Dannebrog Heritage Award	2018
Peter Kiewit Foundation Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1987
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Niobrara Heritage/Folk Arts	1998
Prairie Schooner Magazine Lincoln Organizational Achievement	1996
Prairie Visions/TETAC Lincoln Excellence in Arts Education	1992
R. Jerry Hargitt Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1985
Regional Arts Alliance Gordon Governor's Arts Award	1982
Reinhold Pieper Marxhausen Seward Governor's Arts Award	1983
Richard & Janyce Hunt Blair Partner in the Arts (Business Leadership Award)	2000
Richard & Mary Holland Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	2004
Rita Stinner Scottsbluff Excellence in Arts Education	2008
Robert & Karen Duncan Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	2000
Robert & Roberta Rogers Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	1990
Robert Hillestad Lincoln Excellence in Arts Education	2008
Roger Welsch Dannebrog Heritage/Folk Arts	2002
Ruth Meints Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	2016
Salem Baptist Church Voices Omaha Heritage/Folk Arts	2000
Senator J. Robert Kerrey Omaha Partner in the Arts (Thomas C. Woods III)	1996
Senator LaVon Crosby Lincoln Leonard Thiessen Award	1998
Shari Hofschire Omaha Excellence in Arts Education	2018
Sheldon Film Theater Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1983
Sheldon Statewide Lincoln Excellence in Arts Education	2002
Steve Barth & Brian Botsford Kearney Emerging Leader	2014
Steve Tamayo Omaha Heritage Award	2014

Sue Reiber Shelton Excellence in Arts Education	1994
Ted Kooser Garland Governor's Arts Award	1988
Thomas Wilkins Omaha Outstanding Artist	2014
Tri County Bank and Insurance Stuart Partner in the Arts	1998
Tuesday Musical Concert Series Omaha Organizational Achievement	1992
Union Pacific Railroad Omaha Governor's Arts Award	1981
University of Nebraska System Partner in the Arts	1990
Valmont Industries Omaha Partner in the Arts	2006
Village Players Inc Hyannis Organizational Achievement	1990
Wallace Richardson Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1982
West NE Arts Center & Hod Kosman Scottsbluff Governor's Arts Award	1978
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Willa Cather Fdn. Red Cloud Organizational Achievement	2018
Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial & Mildred R. Bennett Red Cloud	1979
William Kloefkorn Kearney Governor's Arts Award	1987
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Winnebago Heritage/Folk Arts	1994
Woods Charitable Fund Inc Lincoln Governor's Arts Award	1981
Wright Morris Mill Valley, CA Governor's Arts Award	1981