



TEXAS CULTURAL TRUST ANNOUNCES 2019 TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS AWARDS

Open Call for Nominations Begins March 5, 2018

AUSTIN, Texas (March 5, 2018) – The Texas Cultural Trust (TCT) is pleased to announce the 2019 Texas Medal of Arts Awards (TMAA) open call for nominations. This biennial event celebrates influential artists, entertainers, and art patrons of Texas through a series of events, culminating with a star-studded awards show and gala dinner, which will be held in Austin, Texas, in February 2019.

The Texas Medal of Arts Awards accepts nominations in the following categories:

- Architecture
- Arts Education
- Arts Patron, Corporate
- Arts Patron, Foundation
- Arts Patron, Individual
- Dance
- Design
- Film
- Lifetime Achievement
- Literary Arts
- Media/Multimedia
- Music
- Television
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

Nominations will be accepted between March 5th and April 5th, 2018. Nominees must have been born or raised in Texas or developed a major portion of their work in Texas to qualify. Awardees must be present at the TMAAs in February 2019 to receive their award. Nomination forms and eligibility can be found at www.texasmedalofarts.org/nominations.

“Texas Medal of Arts honors those who contribute to Texas’ proud heritage, either by creating art that inspires those around them or by supporting artists and arts programs within our Texas community,” said Linda LaMantia, board chair of the Texas Cultural Trust. “Our honorees have actively helped cultivate our state’s artistic legacy.”

About the Awards

Every biennium, since 2001, the TMAAs have spotlighted and celebrated Texas leaders and luminaries who have achieved greatness through their creative talents, as well as those whose generosity has opened doors to artistic opportunity for Texans of all ages. As the signature event for the Texas Cultural Trust, the Texas Medal of Arts Awards highlights the impact of the arts on education, the economy, and Texas’ rich and unique culture. Past TMAA honorees include:

Jamie Foxx, The Gatlin Brothers, the Kilgore College Rangerettes, Chandra Wilson, Ruth Altshuler, Eva Longoria, ZZ Top, Willie Nelson, Steve Miller, Kenny Rogers, Tommy Lee Jones, Betty Buckley, Bob Schieffer, Laura W. Bush, Debbie Allen, Robert Rodriguez, Walter Cronkite, Nancy B. Hamon, Sandra Cisneros, Robert Rauschenberg, Clint Black, Anheuser Busch Companies, Paul Mitchell, Lynn Wyatt, Lauren Anderson, Kris Kristofferson, Eloise and John Paul DeJoria, John Phillip Santos, Jack Welch, Lyle Lovett, Texas Monthly, Neiman Marcus, and Exxon Mobil, among others. View the complete list at www.texasmedalofarts.org/honorees.

About the Texas Cultural Trust

The Texas Cultural Trust is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to be the leading voice for the arts in education, advocacy, and economic impact in Texas, spotlighting the artistic excellence of our state. This mission is achieved through the Trust's five programs and initiatives that quantify, promote, and advance the importance of investing in the creative future of Texas and support for the Texas Commission of the Arts. Programs of the Texas Cultural Trust include Texas Medal of Arts Awards, Texas Young Masters Program, Arts & Digital Literacy, Texas Women for the Arts, and Art Can. For more information about the Texas Cultural Trust, please visit www.txculturaltrust.org.

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