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## Nominations Sought for Community Arts Awards

**KALAMAZOO, Mich.** – The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) reminds the public that there is still time to submit nominations for its 2022 Community Arts Awards. Acknowledge your favorite local artist and show that you believe they are deserving of an award by Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Nominations can be submitted online at <https://bit.ly/acgk2022> or <https://bit.ly/2022CAA>.

Several different types of Community Arts Awards will be presented. Learn more about the various categories and choose the perfect one for your artist hero. Your input matters, and we need your help identifying artists and businesses in our community to celebrate!

ACGK will announce the various award recipients on Tuesday, Oct. 25, but the excitement doesn't stop there! A celebration of award recipients and honorees is set for Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Gull Lake Center for the Fine Arts. This will be a celebration you won't want to miss! Admission is free; RSVPs are appreciated. More details about the event will be released soon.

The Community Arts Awards started in 1985 and have given the ACGK the opportunity to recognize and honor local artists and arts organizations as well as supporters.

### **About the Awards**

#### **Community Medal of Arts**

The Community Medal of Arts recognizes an artist who has a significant body of creative activity, is a leader in their field, has received local and/or national acclaim, and has impacted our community through art. This award is given out to an artist only once in their career. It encompasses all forms of art, including, but not limited to, visual, musical, theatrical, literary, performing, multi-media, architecture, and design.

#### **Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service**

The recipient of the Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service honors a person, persons, or group whose lives exemplify a broad range of service to the arts community that is not related to his/her/their professional occupation.

#### **Adam F. Carter Young Artist Award**

Focusing on young artists, the award named for Adam F. Carter recognizes and encourages the next generation of artists in our community. This recipient should be a rising high school senior (although rising juniors and college freshmen will also be considered), who has had an impact in both their artistic field of study and in our community. The winner will receive a monetary scholarship to be used to further their artistic study. Nominations will be accepted by the student's teacher, director, instructor, or community member. The scholarship is generously supported by the Mary and Brooks Godfrey Family.

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### **Patron Award**

The Patron Award acknowledges an individual or couple who has significantly contributed to the arts as patrons and have made a sustained and/or transformational impact in this community through their support of the arts and patronage.

### **Business Arts Award**

Presented to honor businesses in our community for their leadership, commitment, and vision in developing exemplary alliances with artists and arts organizations, the Business Arts Award recognizes a business for creating outstanding initiatives with artists and arts organizations, furthering the educational development of youth, enhancing the economic vitality of the community, and enriching the quality of life in our community.

### **Epic Award**

The Epic Award recognizes a non-profit organization or program in our community that is of high artistic quality and serves to enhance life in our community through the arts. The award pays special attention to both long-standing programs and organizations that have played a consistent role in the community and new organizations and programs that meet a previously unmet community need or focus area.

### **Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Awards**

Named after the first full-time Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, the Gayle Hoogstraten Arts Leadership Awards award recognize leaders in our community in two categories: Arts Education and Arts Administration. Recipients of this award demonstrate a proven track record of strong impact on the community and participants in art far beyond his/her job description. They will also have established positive and productive relationships in the community outside of his/her institution.

For more information about the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, its annual Community Arts Awards, and the Oct. 11 nomination deadline, visit [www.kalamazooarts.org](http://www.kalamazooarts.org) or call (269) 342-5059.