



*The Arts Council's annual Arts Awards recognize individuals, businesses and organizations that have made a significant contribution to the arts in all of the counties served by the Arts Council of Southwestern Indiana: Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick.*

## Q & A

### ***Who is eligible to receive an award?***

Any individual, business or organization from the seven counties served by the Arts Council may be nominated for these awards. The Mayor's Arts Award is presented by the Mayor of Evansville, and is restricted to a resident (individual or organization) of Vanderburgh County who has made significant contributions to the arts in the City of Evansville. A past recipient is not eligible to win in the same category again. For a complete list of previous winners, please call the Arts Council at (812) 422-2111 or go to our website: [www.artswin.evansville.net](http://www.artswin.evansville.net).

### ***Who can you nominate?***

You can make as many nominations as you like but you can nominate each person/entity in ONE CATEGORY ONLY. Please submit a separate nomination form for each nomination.

### ***When will the awards be presented?***

Thursday, September 4, 2008. Location to be announced.

### ***Who will make the decisions?***

A Selection Committee made up of local and regional arts supporters and past award recipients, determine the award winners. Recipients will be notified in advance of the award presentation.

### ***What will the recipients receive?***

Each recipient will receive an original work of art by a local or regional artist, commissioned by the Arts Council, and created especially for the Arts Awards.

### ***What is the nomination deadline?***

The nomination must be received at the Arts Council office by 5 pm, Friday, May 16, 2008.

## ***Award Categories:***

**Mayor's Arts Award:** This highly prestigious honor is given to an individual/organization whose contributions to the arts have had exceptional impact on the community. Consideration is given to evidence of long-standing support and life-long interest in the arts. The nominee must be a current resident of or located in Vanderburgh County, and as a result, their arts activities have had the most significant impact on the City of Evansville.

**2007 Mayor's Arts Award Recipient: Michael R. Shoulders**

**Young Artist of the Year:** Candidate for this award should be a high school student with exceptional talent in the literary, visual, or performing arts. Evidence of achievement from other sources (awards, leading roles in school plays, publication of literary work, etc.) is encouraged.

**2007 Young Artist of the Year: Elizabeth Mably**

**Artist of the Year:** The Arts Council is especially pleased to be able to consider nominees from any discipline, including literary, performing and visual arts. When nominating, please consider the elements of achievement and impact on the community that these artists have had.

**2007 Artist of the Year: Janice Greene**

**Arts in Education Award:** This award now recognizes an educator, school corporation, PTO or other entity that directly influences and engages students of any age through the visual, literary, or performing arts.

**2007 Arts Educator: Kitty Savia**

**Arts Advocate of the Year:** This award recognizes an individual or organization that provided service, leadership and/or substantial support to the arts.

**2007 Arts Advocate of the Year: Jim & Barbara Blevins**

**Corporate Arts Award:** This award honors a business which shows exemplary support of the arts, artists, and arts organizations within our region. Support may be through leadership, monetary gifts, or in-kind contributions.

**2007 Corporate Arts Award: Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library**

**Regional Arts Award:** These awards will be given to an individual, business, or organization from each county of the Region served by the Arts Council. Counties served are Gibson, Knox, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick. Award is based on dedication to the literary, visual, or performing arts from any category listed above.

**2007 Gibson County Award: Leslie Wetzel**

**2007 Knox County Award: Andrew Jendrzewski**

**2007 Pike County Award: Vance Hays**

**2007 Posey County Award: George & Peggy Rapp**

**2007 Spencer County Award: Father Gavin Barnes, O.S.B.**

**2007 Vanderburgh County Award: Public Education Foundation Summer Musical Program**

**2007 Warrick County Award: Suzanne Godeke**