



Nickel Plate Arts is proud to present the Nickel Plate Arts Awards in conjunction with our 6th Anniversary Celebration. These awards recognize members of our community who show outstanding leadership and vision in the support, promotion and provision of creativity in our community.

Awards will be presented on the evening of Saturday, September 12. Nominations will be accepted from July 11th through August 4th and nominees will be notified by August 20th. Nominees in each category will receive acknowledgement during the awards ceremony, and award recipients will be asked to give a short speech.

If you know of someone who has shown outstanding leadership in one of the following categories, please fill out the nomination form and return it to amcgill@nickelplatearts.org by 5 pm on August 4th.

CATEGORIES:

Artist of the Year:

This award goes to an artist, musician or performer living and working within the Nickel Plate Arts Region who has shown an outstanding ability to promote not only their own work, but also the artistic merits of the community at large. This award goes to someone who exemplifies the notion that a rising tide lifts all boats. This person has not only perfected their artistic technique, but also shows outstanding business acumen and customer service skills.

Arts Patron of the Year:

This award goes to a person or company that has invested a substantial amount in our arts community, either through the purchase of work by local artists, contributing money to support local arts organizations and/or investing in public art within our region. This person or company exemplifies the concept that art makes our entire community stronger and is good for business. An established figure in our arts community, as well as our business community, those of us seeking to improve our artistic culture look to this person or company for leadership and support.

Emerging Arts Champion of the Year:

This award goes to someone who is starting out in his or her career, but who has already shown a dedication to supporting local arts and artists. This dedication may be demonstrated through volunteerism, nurturing collaboration, social promotion of arts efforts or the purchasing of artwork. He or she has shown dedication to becoming a member of various arts organizations and to participating in arts programming and planning. This person exemplifies the notion that

art is worth investing in, regardless of income or professional background. He or she shows outstanding dedication to nurturing creativity within the community, and has the potential to greatly shape our creative culture for years to come.

Emerging Artist of the Year:

This award goes to a student in high school or college, or someone who has graduated from an arts program within the last two years who is striving to become a professional artist, musician or performer in the Nickel Plate Arts region. This young person demonstrates not only incredible artistic talent, but also, leadership, vision and business savvy. This person has outstanding potential to shape and influence the future of our arts community, as well as to achieve financial success in his or her artistic field. He or she has embraced the idea that you can, in fact, make a living in the arts, and he or she is boldly going forward with that goal, and spreading joy for art with all those he or she encounters.

Nomination Guidelines:

- Nominees must live or work in the Nickel Plate Region (Noblesville, Fishers, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta and Tipton) or have made a major, positive impact on the local arts community
- Only one person can be nominated on each form, but you may nominate more than one person in each category.
- You may self-nominate or nominate a relative or coworker.

Nominations:

In order for your nominee to be considered, applicants must submit the following to Nickel Plate Arts by 5 pm on Saturday, August 4th.

1. Nomination Form (attached):

Use the included form to record the nominee's information, your information and contact information for up to two references who can speak to the nominee's fit for this award.

2. Nomination Narrative:

Please submit a narrative that tells us about the nominee and why you believe he or she should receive this award. Be sure to review the category descriptions for the awards - we encourage you to address those descriptions in your narrative. Narratives should conform to the following standards:

- No more than four (two double-sided) pages long
- Typed
- 12-point or larger font
- One-inch margins

3. Supporting Material (optional)

You may include any of the following materials with your nomination form to further elucidate the case for your nominee:

- Letters of support
- Articles (in print or links to online) about the nominee and his or her work

- Photographs
- The nominee's resume

Please note that materials such as cds, dvds, original artwork, etc., will not be accepted. All support materials must be submitted with the original applications - any support materials submitted separately will not be accepted or considered. No portion of the application, including support materials, will be returned.

Submission of Nomination:

Please submit a completed nomination application (including nomination form, narrative and any supporting materials) to Nickel Plate Arts no later than 5 pm on Saturday, August 4th.

Nominations can be made in the following formats:

- Via our website (insert URL)
- Via email sent to amcgill@nickelplatearts.org
- Via mail, sent % Nickel Plate Arts Awards Committee

107 S. 8th
Noblesville, IN 4606

Review and Notification Process:

The Nickel Plate Arts Awards Committee will review nominations as they are received. All nomination forms and supporting materials become the property of Nickel Plate Arts and will not be returned.

If the nominee is selected as a Nickel Plate Arts Awards finalist, the nominee and nominator will be notified. If the nominee is not selected, only the nominator will be notified.

Nomination form:

Please fill this form out as completely as possible.

1. Nominee:
 - a. Nominee's name:
 - b. Nominee's address:
 - c. City, State, Zip:
 - d. Nominee's phone number:
 - e. Nominee's email address:
 - f. Nominee's position/title:
 - g. Nominee's website:
2. Nominated by:
 - a. Your name:
 - b. Your address:
 - c. City, State, Zip:
 - d. Your phone number:
 - e. Your email address:
 - f. Your position/title:
 - g. Your relationship to nominee:
3. References (optional, but recommended): Who else can speak to this nominee's qualifications for this award? It will greatly assist our review process if you can supply contact information for up to two references for this nominee:
 - a. Reference #1:
 - i. Name, address, phone number, email:
 - ii. Relationship to nominee:
 - b. Reference #2:
 - i. Name, address, phone number, email:
 - ii. Relationship to nominee:
4. Nomination Narrative: Please attach your nomination narrative to explain why your nominee deserves to win. Narratives should conform to the following standards:
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Please Return to Aili McGill at Nickel Plate Arts by 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th.