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Arts Commission Issues Call for Nominations for Medal of Arts Awards

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission is accepting nominations for the 2014 Medal of Arts awards, the City's highest arts honor. Nominations should describe extraordinary lifetime artistic achievement or support of the arts by an individual or group. Guidelines and nomination form are available on the City's website at www.raleighnc.gov/arts. Click on "Discover Raleigh Arts" in the left column, then on "Awards" in the right column.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday, March 27.

To celebrate artistic excellence and extraordinary arts achievement, the Arts Commission initiated the awards program in 1984 based on the National Medal of Arts program. Over the past 27 years, the City has recognized 136 individual artists, groups and businesses with a prestigious Medal of Art.

"As we prepare to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Raleigh's Medal of Arts ceremony, another extraordinary group of recipients will be recognized," said Clyde Lundy, chair of the Arts Commission. "The City of Raleigh Arts Commission is honored to continue this tradition supporting our creative community. Please join your fellow citizens as we celebrate this creative soul of our community and our connectedness – another event recognizing artistic engagement in the Southern capital of arts and culture."

Past medal winners include Nancy Olson, The Triangle Philharmonic and Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein.

"We have such a wonderful arts community in Raleigh, and the Medal of Arts event is a grand celebration for the many people who help make it so great," said Duke Raleigh Hospital Guild President Laura Raynor, past medal recipient and former chair of the Arts Commission. "Winning a Medal of Arts is a huge honor."

Medal of Arts awards will be presented to recipients at a ceremony at the Duke Energy Center for the Performing Arts in October.

The City's Office of Raleigh Arts fosters and promotes the arts in Raleigh by administering the programs of the Raleigh Arts Commission and the Public Art and Design Board, and supporting the Pullen and Sertoma arts centers. The Office of Raleigh Arts is a part of the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

For more information about the Medal of Arts call for nominations, contact Arts Program Director Belva Parker at 996-3610 or Belva.Parker@raleighnc.gov.