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Dear Fine Arts Supporter:

It is a special pleasure to write seeking your nomination for our annual Tribute to the Arts awards. This year the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission will celebrate 20 years of honoring outstanding individuals, arts organizations and businesses for their exceptional involvement in and support for the arts. In 1991 BFAC established the Tribute to the Arts awards to recognize and promote the arts and those who do so much to enrich our community as exemplified by our past honorees. As you will see from the list below, Bethlehem is endowed with a wealth of talented individuals, vibrant and diverse arts organizations, and corporations that help them thrive.

Your support is important. I hope you will submit a nomination. We will consider nominations for a variety of arts disciplines including architecture, literature, performing arts (theater, music, dance, storytelling), the visual arts (painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography) and media (film, video). Nominees are considered on the merit of their contribution to the arts rather than on the number of entries submitted. Award recipients will be selected by members of BFAC from the nominations received by **February 14, 2010**. A nomination form is enclosed or you may download one on our website at [bfac-lv.org](http://bfac-lv.org).

Please mark your calendar for the award presentation on **Thursday, May 6th**. This year's celebration of the arts will be a special occasion as we honor our awardees with an evening reception at the beautiful Payne Gallery at Moravian College. I hope you will join us. For more information about the event, please visit us online or contact Barbara Diamond at 610 691-8269. Thank you for your support.

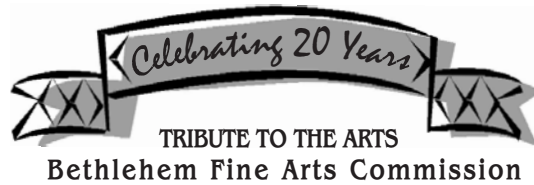
Sincerely,

Deni Thurman-Eyer

Chair, Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission

#### PAST HONOREES

1991	Ronald P. Sherry	1991	Bach Choir of Bethlehem	1991	Bethlehem Steel
1992	Frederick G. Gilmartin	1992	Godfrey Daniels	1992	First Valley Bank
1993	Jeffery Parks	1993	Touchstone Theatre	1993	Binney & Smith
1994	Richard Redd	1994	Pennsylvania Youth Theater	1994	Just Born, Inc.
1995	Ralph G. Schwarz	1995	Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley	1995	Martin Guitar
1996	Dr. Rudy Ackerman	1996	Ray Huston & American Legion Band	1996	Sing Out Magazine
1997	Fred Bees	1997	WDIY-FM	1997	Union Pacific
1998	Ricardo Viera	1998	PA Shakespeare Festival	1998	Saraceno Design
1999	Patricia McAndrew	1999	Experimental Printmaking Institute	1999	Plantique, Inc.
2000	Geoff Gehman	2000	Rose Garden Children's Festival	2000	Artefact, Inc.
2001	William Persa	2001	Young People's Philharmonic	2001	Valley Graphics Services
2002	Deborah Sacarakis	2002	Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem	2002	Starbuck Goldner Tile
2003	Charles Brown	2003	Banana Factory	2003	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
2004	Peggy Whitney Hobbs	2004	Bethlehem Palette Club	2004	Technicolor Grand
2005	Cora Hook	2005	Mock Turtle Marionettes	2005	The Brickman Group
2006	Oleg Briansky & Mirelle Brienne	2006	Satori, Inc.	2006	Spillman Farmer Architects
2007	Robert Doney	2007	Southside Film Institute & Film Festival	2007	Home & Planet
2008	Charles Kiernan	2008	Friends of Music of Bethlehem	2008	Keystone Nazareth Charitable Foundation
2009	Dr. Larry Lipkis	2009	Valley Contra Dance Society	2009	Minuteman Press



## 2010 TRIBUTE TO THE ARTS NOMINATION FORM

To submit a nomination, please refer to the following criteria and guidelines. Previous winners are not eligible, but previous nominees may be nominated again. A list of previous winners is also available on our website: [www.bfac-lv.org](http://www.bfac-lv.org). Nominations must be received by **February 14, 2010**.

### GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

**The Individual Award** is given to someone who supports and promotes a branch of the arts beyond the requirements of his/her profession in a way that benefits the Bethlehem community. This category is designed to reward individual vision and service.

**The Arts Organization Award** is given to a non-profit organization that offers an especially effective venue and/or "grass roots" support for the arts in Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley.

**The Corporate Award** is given to a business or institution that serves the local arts community through philanthropy, imaginative programming, or other support beyond its immediate business interests. This category is designed to reward corporate or institutional outreach to the arts.

Please check the type of award for which you are submitting this nomination:

Individual                       Corporate                       Arts Organization

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Telephone:

Email:

State why you believe the nominee meets the qualifications for an award (use this form or separate pages for this). You may submit supporting materials; however, we are unable to return them.

Nominator name:

Nominator address:

Telephone:

Email:

Please send the completed form and any additional supporting material to Tribute to the Arts,  
c/o Robin Beaty, 2535 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

For further information about the awards or the Tribute to the Arts event, please visit our website:  
[www.bfac-lv.org](http://www.bfac-lv.org) or contact Barbara Diamond at 610-691-8269.