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Dear Arts Supporter:

It is a special pleasure to seek your nomination for our annual Tribute to the Arts awards. This year the Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission will celebrate 22 years of honoring outstanding individuals, arts organizations, businesses and institutions for their exceptional support for the arts. In 1991 BFAC established the Tribute to the Arts awards to promote the arts and recognize those who 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, diverse arts organizations, and businesses 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, ceramics, printmaking, photography) and media (film, video, audio). 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 **March 15, 2012**. Please find a nomination form below, you may also download one from our website at bfac-lv.org.

Mark your calendar and save the date for the award presentation on **Thursday, October 11, 2012**. Please note that the award reception, previously held in spring, has been moved to mid-autumn. Please join us as we honor our awardees with an evening reception at the beautiful Payne Gallery at Moravian College. For more information about the event, visit us online. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Deni Thurman-Eyer
Chair, Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission



PAST HONOREES

YEAR	INDIVIDUAL	ORGANIZATION	INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE
1991	Ronald P. Sherry	Bach Choir of Bethlehem	Bethlehem Steel
1992	Frederick G. Gilmartin	Godfrey Daniels	First Valley Bank
1993	Jeffery Parks	Touchstone Theatre	Binney & Smith
1994	Richard Redd	Pennsylvania Youth Theater	Just Born
1995	Ralph G. Schwarz	Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley	Martin Guitar
1996	Dr. Rudy Ackerman	Ray Huston & American Legion Band	Sing Out Magazine
1997	Fred Bees	WDIY-FM	Union Pacific
1998	Ricardo Viera	PA Shakespeare Festival	Saraceno Design
1999	Patricia McAndrew	Experimental Printmaking Institute	Plantique, Inc.
2000	Geoff Gehman	Rose Garden Children's Festival	Artefact, Inc.
2001	William Persa	Young People's Philharmonic	Valley Graphics Services
2002	Deborah Sacarakis	Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem	Starbuck Goldner Tile
2003	Charles Brown	Banana Factory	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
2004	Peggy Whitney Hobbs	Bethlehem Palette Club	Technicolor Grand
2005	Cora Hook	Mock Turtle Marionettes	The Brickman Group
2006	Oleg Briansky & Mirelle Brianne	Satori, Inc.	Spillman Farmer Architects
2007	Robert Doney	Southside Film Institute & Festival	Home & Planet
2008	Charles Kiernan	Friends of Music of Bethlehem	Keystone Nazareth Charitable Fndtn
2009	Dr. Larry Lipkis	Valley Contra Dance Society	Minuteman Press
2010	Ramona LaBarre	The Lehigh Art Alliance	Deja Brew Coffeehouse
2011	Bob Schantz	The Celtic Cultural Alliance	Bethlehem Garden Club



TRIBUTE TO THE ARTS
Bethlehem Fine Arts Commission

2012 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. Nominations must be received by March 15, 2012.

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 Institutional Service 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 indicate the category of award for which you are submitting this nomination:

Individual Arts Organization Institutional Service

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Telephone:

Email:

State why you believe the nominee meets the qualifications for an award (you may use a separate page or pages). Feel free to 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.