***2017 EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARDS***

***CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS***

***NOMINATION FORM***

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***Please check one category:***

\_\_\_\_ Community Impact Award \_\_\_\_ Emerging Arts Leadership Award

\_\_\_\_ Excellence in Arts Education Award \_\_\_\_ Artist of the Year Award

The Excellence in the Arts Awards are designed to honor and celebrate persons and organizations that contribute to the vibrancy of the arts and culture and increase access to arts experiences in Thousand Oaks. The award determination is based on the award criteria listed below and the category definitions on the next page. Nominators should take great care to choose the most appropriate category and to make the case on behalf of their nominees by addressing all applicable criteria in their nomination letters, and should encourage individuals preparing letters of recommendation to do the same. Nominees may be considered for categories other than the one for which they are nominated. Applications will not be returned and become the property of the City.

***Criteria, standards and values considered for these awards:***

• Organizations must be active in Thousand Oaks. Artists may live outside of the city limits but their work must be in Thousand Oaks.

• How many years has the nominee been committed to the arts in general, or to a specific art form? Please address the nominee’s artistic excellence.

• What outstanding contribution(s) has the nominee made to the arts in Thousand Oaks? Define the nature and impact of the nominee’s involvement. Describe the breadth of the nominee’s support of various arts activities in the community.

• What leadership, service or influence has the nominee provided? Include both professional and volunteer. How has the creativity and/or quality of the nominee’s work been recognized?

**Use this form as a cover sheet and attach the following items to your application:**

1. A one-paragraph summary about the nominee including a brief history of artistic development and growth.

2. A single-page narrative (500 words or less) that addresses the criteria above in relation to the category

3. Letters of support are welcomed and accepted with the nomination form. Please limit to a max of three.

Nominator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Nominator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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***2017 CATEGORIES***

***Ceremony: October 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm***

***Janet and Ray Scherr Forum***

The Arts are defined as visual and performing arts, including but not limited to music, dance, theatre, painting, sculpture, photography and traditional/folk art. For these specific awards, the arts do not include literary arts. All winners may be asked to participate in city events, either by serving as an Arts Ambassador or through performance or exhibition opportunities. Philanthropy, while important, is not considered to be a factor in the criteria for any award.

***1) Community Impact***

The Community Impact Award is presented to a person or organization who has inspired and encouraged the arts and culture in Thousand Oaks in a creative or innovative way. The winner will be notable in the community memory for years to come because of an emphasis on some or all of the following: a) bringing together organizations or people in the arts, b) elevating the arts and culture through visionary leadership, creativity, advocacy and volunteerism, and c) inspiring and encouraging artists and arts groups in the areas of innovation, outreach, inclusiveness and access.

***2) Emerging Arts Leadership***

The Emerging Arts Leadership Award is presented to a person or organization demonstrating the potential to influence and elevate the arts and culture through outstanding vision, leadership and creativity. Age is not a factor in this award.

***3) Exceptional Arts Education***

The Exceptional Arts Education Award is presented to an individual or organization for excellent work in and significant contributions to arts education, either a) through enhancing the education curriculum within the school system, or b) through creating educational opportunities in the arts outside the school setting.

***4) Artist of the Year***

The Artist of the Year Award recognizes a dedicated individual’s excellence and accomplishments in an arts discipline. This award is for unique vision, high artistic quality, creativity and innovation.

***5) The Mayor’s Award***

The Mayor’s Award is granted each year to a recipient chosen by the Mayor of Thousand Oaks. There are not parameters or restrictions for this award, which is up to the sole discretion of the current mayor.