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## *The MRAC Arts Achievement Award*

The **MRAC Arts Achievement Award** recognizes two organizations each year that particularly exemplify MRAC's mission of **incorporating the arts into the daily lives of communities**. Organizations can be nominated or may nominate themselves for the MRAC Arts Achievement Award. The MRAC Board of Directors will review nominations and select up to two recipients.

Accompanied by a cash award of \$5,000, the MRAC Arts Achievement Award is intended to call attention to outstanding contributions that arts organizations with budgets under \$300,000 make toward strengthening communities in the 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington). It is unlikely that any organization will receive this award more than once, but there is no limit to how often an organization may be nominated.

Unlike other MRAC grants, the MRAC Arts Achievement Award will not be given for specific projects or programs, but rather for the overall work that organizations are doing or have done to strengthen communities through the arts. Organizations should not be nominated for future activities.

To nominate an organization for the MRAC Arts Achievement Award, please submit a narrative of no more than 3 pages with the following information:

- Describe the organization being nominated, including a brief history of the organization and its programs.
- Describe how this organization is exemplary in:
  - Causing artists and arts activities to thrive, *and/or*
  - Integrating the arts into the social fabric and identity of a community or communities, *and/or*
  - Enhancing understanding of the public value of the arts.

Nominations must be received at the MRAC office no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2010. The Award(s) will be presented at MRAC's Annual Meeting in July 2010.

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