



The MRAC Arts Achievement Award

The **MRAC Arts Achievement Award** recognizes two organizations each year that particularly exemplify MRAC's mission of **increasing access to the arts**. Accompanied by a cash award of \$5,000, the Arts Achievement Award is intended to call attention to the outstanding contributions of arts organizations or nonprofit organizations doing arts programming in the 7-county Twin Cities metropolitan area.

The MRAC Board of Directors will review nominations and select up to two recipients. Organizations can be nominated or may nominate themselves for the MRAC Arts Achievement Award. 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. Nominees must meet standard MRAC eligibility requirements:

- Annual expenses under \$400,000
- Located in the 7 county metropolitan area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington)
- 501c3 non-profit status, or a fiscally sponsored informal group
- For profits and individual artists are not eligible for this award

MRAC may request documentation of eligibility after the deadline. 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 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 may be emailed to artsachievementaward@mrac.org
no later than 4:30p.m. on April 10, 2017.**

The Award(s) will be presented at MRAC's Annual Meeting in July 2017.

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MRAC Board members must adhere to the MRAC Board Conflict of Interest Policy, and the following policies:

- *Organizations for which an MRAC Board member is a paid or volunteer staff member, and/or a member of the governing or advisory board, are not eligible for this award. This policy is in effect throughout an MRAC Board member's tenure and for one MRAC fiscal year after his or her departure from the MRAC Board. MRAC Board members cannot submit nominations for any organization during their tenure on the MRAC Board.*