

Honoring Innovators, Leaders, and Philanthropists in the Arts.

The Arts Council of Fairfax County presents the 2013 Arts Awards.



Mr. John T. "Til" and Mrs. Anne Hazel received the 2012 Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award. Standing to the right of "Til," was board member and now chairman, Dennis McArver, of the Arts Council of Fairfax County. Photo Copyright: Kaveh Sardari

Fairfax County, VA – On Friday, October 25, 2013 from noon to 2:00pm, the Arts Council of Fairfax County will present the second annual Arts Awards luncheon at the Fairview Park Marriott, located at 3111 Fairview Park Drive, in Falls Church, Virginia 22042. The event recognizes the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as the private sector, that supports the arts in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church.

The 2013 Arts Awards will present awards in four categories; which includes the Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award presented to the **Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA)**; the Arts Achievement Award to **Ms. Kathryn Fredgren**; the Emerging Arts Award to **Riverbend Opera Company**; and the Arts Philanthropy Award to **CityLine Partners, LLC**. The second annual arts awardees were

selected by Arts Council and community representatives. Nominations were received from the public.

“The Arts Awards celebrate our arts visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our communities rich with cultural opportunities,” said Linda S. Sullivan, president and CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County. “The arts are essential to a thriving community. Those that produce and nurture the arts are to be applauded. We look forward to gathering the arts, business and civic communities on October 25th to show our appreciation,” Sullivan continued.

Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award

FAIRFAX COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) will receive the Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award for its

outstanding leadership and service to civic life and leadership in the arts and culture in Fairfax County. The FCEDA's mission is to create demand for the new commercial construction that expands the tax base and contributes to the quality of life and overall prosperity of the county. The FCEDA helps companies locate and expand by offering site location assistance, business development services and connections with state and county government agencies. In 2007, a Time Magazine columnist called Fairfax County "one of the great economic success stories of our time." In 2011, the Washington Post said "Fairfax County remains the economic wunderkind of Virginia and in many ways of the Washington area."

The Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has a strong track record of service to the community in Fairfax County. Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D., president and CEO of the FCEDA, has served on many non-profit boards that support various art forms, most recently as chairman of the boards of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Arts Council of Fairfax County; as well as the Foundation Boards of the Library system and the Park Authority. He currently serves as the chairman of the Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools. The FCEDA highlights Fairfax County's rich cultural life and cosmopolitan environment through its advertising campaigns, web site, and the presentation of opportunities in the arts to its many business prospects. Dr. Gordon believes that "it is important for the FCEDA to support organizations that enhance the overall quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County." To learn more about the FCEDA and its services, visit <http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org>.

Arts Achievement Award



Ms. Kathryn Fredgren will receive the Arts Achievement Award for excellent accomplishments in the field of dance in Northern Virginia. Ms. Fredgren holds a degree in dance and drama from the University of Oklahoma. Ms. Fredgren has performed in many works she has created in the fields of ballet, modern and theatre dance during her role as artistic director of The Center Dance Company.

Together with her husband and managing director Ken Fredgren, Ms. Fredgren founded The Center Dance Company in 1981 and served as the former artistic director. Re-named BalletNova Center for Dance in 2009 and following a move to the Bailey's Crossroads area of Fairfax County, the organization continues to be one of the most widely respected dance training centers in Northern Virginia. The organization provides creative opportunities for local professional choreographers, dancers and teachers and serves the community with studio and performance spaces available for rental.

Through her vision and leadership, Ms. Fredgren has been bringing the highest quality dance performances of classical ballet, contemporary and modern dance, jazz, and tap dance to thousands of children and adults in Northern Virginia over the past 32 years. According to Ms. Fredgren: "Dance is a universal language, one that should be shared with children and adults alike, whether or not they have goals to become dancers or just creative people."

Upon her retirement from BalletNova Center for Dance, Ms. Fredgren brought her love of children and innovative teaching to her position as dance artist-in-residence at Hunter Woods Elementary School in Reston from 2005 to 2011. She currently serves on the BalletNova board of directors, continuing to share her knowledge of and love for dance in a leadership capacity, and helping to guide the organization through its newest challenges. Ms. Fredgren is admired for her infectious energy, ability to inspire, and for her strong technique, which she shares both at the studio and at local schools.

Emerging Arts Award



Riverbend Opera Company, one of the two professional opera companies residing in Fairfax County, will receive the Emerging Arts Award for its entrepreneurial and quality arts programming. Founded in 2009, the opera company's mission is to bring professional opera productions to Northern Virginia and the Metropolitan region, while providing performance opportunities to established and emerging music professionals. Since its inception, Riverbend Opera Company has mounted eight productions with over 30 performances in venues around Fairfax County and throughout the Metropolitan region. Their first production was a concert performance of Mozart's masterpiece 'Don Giovanni' at the McLean Community Center. Beginning in 2010, shows have also included "Opera On The Lake" for the Lake Barcroft community, a performance series now in its fourth year.

Partnering with Fairfax County Public Schools since 2011, Riverbend teams with the advanced choral program at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology for students in their final semester each year. "Students are given the unique opportunity to work with our music professionals, to learn the background and history of the work performed by our company, to study the music in depth and in the original language, and then to join in as chorus members during one of our performances," said John Turner, artistic director of Riverbend Opera Company. "This gives young aspiring artists an in-depth look in the world of opera," said Molly Khatcheressian, music director for Riverbend and chair of the Fine Arts Department at Thomas Jefferson High School.

Riverbend continues to inspire and engage diverse audiences of music lovers, while supporting music professionals. To learn more about Riverbend Opera Company, visit <http://www.riverbendopera.com>.

Arts Philanthropy Award



Cityline Partners LLC will receive the Arts Philanthropy Award for outstanding support and leadership to the arts. Cityline Partners LLC, a subsidiary of DLJ Real Estate Capital Partners, was formed in 2010 to own, manage and develop transit-oriented real estate

holdings in Tysons, Virginia and the D.C. Metropolitan Region. Cityline currently has zoning applications pending or approved for over 10 million square feet of new development in Tysons, making Cityline one of the larger real estate owner/developer in Tysons. "CityLine's vision for Tysons is to create a more transit oriented mixed-use development area, consisting of an urban

grid of streets, a multi-modal transportation system, public facilities, and civic uses for urban parks and recreational opportunities. And let's not forget the arts," said Tom D. Fleury, Executive Vice President, of Cityline Partners.

The management team at Cityline was previously affiliated with West Group, which has supported the McLean Symphony for decades. West Group contributed and fundraised for the reconstruction of Wolf Trap's Filene Center after it had burned down in 1982. Continuing this strong tradition of philanthropy to the arts in Fairfax County, Cityline offers in-kind facility services to Traveling Players Ensemble and continues to sponsor Celebrate Fairfax, the McLean Orchestra and Youth Orchestra. Mr. Fleury said: "We at Cityline feel a strong sense of stewardship for the residents and infrastructure in Tysons and Fairfax County and what better way is there, to strengthen and give back to the community than by supporting the arts; a universal language everyone can identify with." For more information on Cityline Partners and their recent projects, visit <http://citylinepartners.com/news>.

To obtain more information on the 2013 Arts Awards, visit <http://artsfairfax.org/arts-awards>

Who: Four awardees announced (Fairfax County Economic Development Authority; Ms. Kathryn Fredgren; Riverbend Opera Company; and CityLine Partners, LLC)

What: 2nd Annual 2013 Arts Awards

When: October 25, 2013, from noon to 2:00pm

Where: Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042

Why: To celebrate outstanding achievements, leadership, and support to the arts in Fairfax County.

Tables and individual tickets to the event can be purchased by visiting or contacting Janay Turner, Business Manager, of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, at artsawards@artsfairfax.org or (703) 642-0862 x2.

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About the Arts Council of Fairfax County

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency. It is the only umbrella organization serving and representing all forms of art in Fairfax County. The Arts Council of Fairfax County is the voice of the arts, dedicated to fostering dynamic and diverse local arts, ensuring that arts thrive by providing vision, leadership, capacity building services, advocacy, funding, education, and information.

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