

## **Honoring Community Visionaries and Collaborators in the Arts.**

**The Arts Council of Fairfax County presents the 2015 Arts Awards.**



*Fairfax County, VA* – On Friday, October 30, 2015 from noon to 2:00pm, the Arts Council of Fairfax County will present the annual Arts Awards 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 corporations, foundations, and individuals, which support the arts in Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.

The 2015 Arts Awards will honor **Earle C. Williams** (Jinx Hazel Arts Award); **Rebecca Kamen** (Arts Achievement Award); **Vienna Jammers** (Emerging Arts Award); and **Richard Hausler** of Insight Property Group LLC (Arts Philanthropy Award). The arts awardees were selected by the Arts Council and community representatives. Nominations were received from the public.

**“Our 2015 awardees have made the arts more accessible to our residents and visitors leveraging public-private support and community collaboration. Their efforts have resulted in new arts facilities, creative visual translations of scientific discovery processes, and music education and performance opportunities for youth,”** said Linda S. Sullivan, President and CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

### **Jinx Hazel Arts Award**

The 2015 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to Earle C. Williams for his outstanding leadership and advocacy in the arts and in the Campaign for Wolf Trap, which resulted in the development of the Center for Education at Wolf Trap.

Throughout his life, Williams has valued a central role for the arts, creating a culture of innovation where the best and the brightest talent come to live and work.

He is one of two Board Emeriti of Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, where he chaired the Board of Directors and led the capital campaign that resulted in the building of the Center for Education at Wolf Trap. The Center for Education houses a wide range of arts and education activities as well as the administrative offices of the

Wolf Trap Foundation. The Earle C. Williams Learning Center in the Center for Education was so named to honor his legacy.

### **Arts Achievement Award**

The 2015 Arts Achievement Award will be presented to contemporary visual artist, sculptor, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) pioneer Rebecca Kamen for her outstanding achievements bridging the arts and education with chemistry, neuroscience, and astrophysics.

Kamen strives to bridge seemingly unrelated scientific disciplines by using art to inform the discovery process of science. She highlights the commonalities among art and scientific fields and is able to help others see interdisciplinary connections. This has fostered a number of collaborative projects with the Northern Virginia Community College, George Mason University, the Center for Astrophysics at Harvard University, the National Institutes of Health, and Fairfax County Public Schools. Kamen's perpetual curiosity and collaborative style have enabled her to discover and vividly demonstrate through her work a link between fine arts, multiple scientific disciplines, and STEM education. As professor emeritus of art at Northern Virginia Community College, she continues to investigate how the arts and creativity can be used to enhance innovation and our understanding of science.

### **Emerging Arts Award**

The 2015 Emerging Arts Award will be presented to the Vienna Jammers for providing exemplary outreach to area youth and participating in community building activities in the Town of Vienna and the Washington, D.C. area.

The Jammers have expanded from a small, after-school percussion ensemble to a professional percussion, music education and performing organization for children ages 8 through 16. Their high-quality programs and active community engagement led to their 2012 incorporation as a nonprofit arts organization. Today, the Jammers is composed of a 90+ strong membership. The organization offers youth camps plus four ensembles, ranging from the *Jammers Red*, *Black*, and *Lite* to the newly formed *Jammers Steel*. The Jammers can be seen and heard year-round with their signature red Brute trash cans cultivating their passion for music, education, and live performances, which has garnered them community support in Fairfax County and beyond.

**Arts Philanthropy Award**

The 2015 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Richard Hausler for his vision, commitment, and leadership in establishing a new arts facility, the Workhouse Arts Center, in southern Fairfax County. He provided seed funding in the planning stages and continues to support and fundraise for the Center, which now serves Fairfax County and the Washington metropolitan area.

Hausler is the Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Insight Property Group LLC, which acquires and develops multifamily and mixed-use real estate properties in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. His experience in large-scale development projects provided the confidence needed to secure the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors’ support for rebuilding the former prison and shaping the Workhouse Arts Center to become a thriving community asset. Hausler continues to provide considerable time, ingenuity, and financial support, and has inspired new board members to join him in nurturing this great arts center in Fairfax County.

To obtain more information on the 2015 Arts Awards, visit <http://artsfairfax.org/artsawards>

**Who:** Four awardees announced; Earle C. Williams; Rebecca Kamen; the Vienna Jammers; and Richard Hausler

**What:** 2015 Arts Awards

**When:** October 30, 2015, 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 our website at <http://artsfairfax.org/artsawards> or contacting Janay Turner, Business Manager, of the Arts Council of Fairfax County, at [artsawards@artsfairfax.org](mailto: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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