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## **ARTSFAIRFAX COMMISSIONS AWARD-WINNING ARTIST, DAVID BARNES, AS 2018 ARTS AWARDS DESIGNER**

Fairfax County, VA—ARTSFAIRFAX announced today that award-winning artist, David Barnes, has been chosen to design the 2018 Arts Awards honoring the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, and philanthropist Virginia McGehee Friend on Friday, October 26, 2018 from noon to 2pm at the Fairview Park Marriott.

Each year, **ARTSFAIRFAX** commissions a Fairfax county artist to design a unique award to commemorate the honorees commitment to the arts.

“After visiting with David at Workhouse Arts Center, we knew we had found the perfect artist. He was excited to talk about the awards and early on he had a clear vision of how each piece of art could be tailored to each honoree. The final pieces are stunningly beautiful,” said **ARTSFAIRFAX** President and CEO, Linda Sullivan.



A retired, certified, internal, financial and information systems auditor, Barnes has created decorative fused art glass for over 35 years. It is his unique craftsmanship and dedication to detail that caught the eye of **ARTSFAIRFAX** leadership.

“I look at who the recipient is going to be, their venue, the type of art they are creating, and then I try to create a piece that ties those elements together,” said Barnes about his pieces for the 2018 Arts Awards.

Barnes’ studio can be found at the historic Workhouse Arts Center, a regionally and nationally recognized center for the visual and performing arts and a museum and gallery space. In addition to creating his own pieces, Barnes teaches fused, kiln-formed glass at Workhouse Arts Center.

### **ARTSFAIRFAX 2018 Arts Awards Honorees**

#### **Jinx Hazel Arts Award Honoree, Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**

The 2018 Jinx Hazel Arts Award will be presented to the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation for its consistent and extensive support of arts and education in Fairfax County and beyond for more than thirty years. Its support in Fairfax County has been broad, consistent, and generative, with donations of more than \$8 million to organizations and programs. The

Foundation has played a major role in helping to grow the arts in Fairfax County, with vital, sustained funding to organizations large and small.

**Arts Education Award Honoree, American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras**

The 2018 Arts Education Award will be presented to American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras (AYPO) in recognition of its work as one of the nation’s leading youth orchestras. Since 1964, AYPO has provided rigorous, conservatory-quality orchestra training and performance experience for thousands of gifted, young musicians from Northern Virginia. Each year, more than 400 of the areas most gifted musicians (age 9-21) participate in one of AYPO’s five orchestras and progress through the increasing levels of difficulty.

**Arts Impact Award Honoree, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts**

The 2018 Arts Impact Award will be presented to Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts for its significant role as a leading arts presenter bringing world-renowned artists to Northern Virginia for nearly fifty years and for its extraordinary leadership in early childhood education. During the 2016-2017 school year, the Institute served more than 17,000 children, educators, and parents/caregivers across 18 counties in Virginia, including Fairfax. The Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts is regarded as a national model for the transformative power of the performing arts in early childhood education.

**Arts Philanthropy Award Honoree, Virginia McGehee Friend**

The 2018 Arts Philanthropy Award will be presented to Virginia McGehee Friend in recognition of her long-time dedication and extraordinary contribution of time, board service, expertise, and funding in support of the arts in Fairfax County and beyond. Friend is highly respected throughout Fairfax County and across the country as a champion for the arts and for the vital role they play in her life and the lives of others. Throughout her life, Friend’s tireless dedication and immense generosity to the arts in Fairfax County and across the region have served as a model for philanthropy.

**Master of Ceremonies**

The Honorable Thomas M. Davis, Director for Government Affairs at Deloitte in Washington, DC will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the 2018 Arts Awards event. Davis was first elected to office in 1979 to represent Mason District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, beginning a three-decade political career. In 1994, he was elected as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served seven terms, including two successful cycles as Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee.

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