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ARTSFAIRFAX 2020 ARTS Awards Nominations Open

Fairfax County, VA- ARTSFAIRFAX is pleased to announce that it is [accepting nominations](#) in the categories of Arts Education, Arts Impact and Arts Philanthropy for the 2020 Arts Awards. The ninth annual Arts Awards, to be held on October 16, 2020, will recognize the visionary contributions the arts bring to Fairfax County and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church. Arts organizations and individuals may nominate others or self-nominate. **ARTSFAIRFAX** invites the public to [submit their nominations](#) before **Friday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m.**

The annual Arts Awards bring together the arts community, business community, and civic and elected leaders to celebrate the extraordinary contributions of artists, arts organizations and the private sector. Last year's honorees included NextStop Theatre Company, Stephen Roberts, Foon Sham, Margaret and Shashi Gupta, and former Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairman Sharon Bulova.

Awardees must currently reside in Fairfax County and/or the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church and can be recognized in the following areas:

- Arts Education Award recognizes an arts organization or individual arts educator in Fairfax County and/or the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church that has provided superlative arts education opportunities, experiences, or training for youth, students of all ages, or emerging artists.
- Arts Impact Award recognizes an arts organization, of any discipline, for an arts program or activity that has provided significant opportunity or impact on citizens in Fairfax County and/or the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, based on the quality and/or transformational nature of the program, and breadth of individuals served.
- Arts Philanthropy Award acknowledges private sector support of the arts in Fairfax County and/or the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, by honoring an individual, corporation or foundation that has provided leadership funding, long-term monetary support, or significant investment in the arts.

"The Arts Awards allow our community to celebrate arts organizations, artists and individuals who make amazing contributions to Fairfax County," said Linda S. Sullivan, President & CEO of **ARTSFAIRFAX**. "Each year we are excited to hear from the community. Their passion and excitement for the arts reflects the strong artistic offerings in Fairfax County. We appreciate their nominations and support for the arts."

Honorees will be announced during the summer and celebrated at the 2020 Annual Arts Awards luncheon on Friday, October 16, 2020.

Visit [ARTSFAIRFAX](#) to submit a nomination or to learn more.

About ARTSFAIRFAX

ARTSFAIRFAX is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization, incorporated in 1964, as Fairfax County's designated local arts agency. **ARTSFAIRFAX** is funded in part by Fairfax County, corporations, foundations, individuals, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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