

2025 Arts United Awards: Nomination Form

1. Is this a self-nomination?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. If No, Nomination Submitted By...
 - a. Name
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone
 - d. Email Relationship to Nominee

3. Nominee Information
 - If nominating an Outstanding Artistic Endeavor, please list BOTH the contact information for the nominated project/event AND the title of the project or event. You will be asked the title later in the application again.
 - PLEASE NOTE: Nominees will be required to accept their nomination, so it's important you provide accurate and current contact information.
 - a. First Name
 - b. Last Name
 - c. Address
 - d. Phone
 - e. Email

4. Please select the award category for this nomination.
 - a. Distinguished Artist of the Year
 - b. Emerging Artist of the Year
 - c. Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
 - d. Outstanding Artistic Endeavor
 - e. Volunteer of the Year

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2025 Arts United Award: Distinguished Artist of the Year

Presented to an active, established artist of any creative discipline who has made significant contributions to their art form within Northeast Indiana. Nominations should be focused on contributions made between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Nomination Information

1. Artist Biography
 - a. Please include a biography of the nominee. URL links to biographies hosted online are also permitted.
2. Nominator's Statement of Support
 - a. Please include a personal statement of support for the nominee, detailing the nominee's significant contributions between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
3. Artistic Achievement and Involvement
 - a. Please list and describe significant achievements made by the nominee as related to their creative discipline. Criteria include but are not limited to: professional accomplishments or milestones; recognition by peers; meaningful involvement in relevant organizations within the field; industry recognition for professional achievements.
 - b. Please list and describe the nominee's involvement in the arts within Northeast Indiana. Criteria include but are not limited to: collaborations with other artists/arts organizations; volunteer efforts and/or board service; involvement in arts and culture initiatives in their community.
4. Upload: Examples of Artwork
 - a. Please upload or share web links with 1-3 examples of the nominee's work presented between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Please be comprehensive but not excessive. If examples are unavailable due to copyright restrictions, please upload 1-3 letters of support pertaining to the nominee's work presented between January 1, 2024 and December 1, 2024.
5. Optional Letter of Support
 - a. Optional, but encouraged, please upload 1-3 letters of support from someone other than the nominator.

2025 Arts United Award: Emerging Artist of the Year

Presented to a current student* artist of any creative discipline who has demonstrated exceptional talent and accomplishment while still early in their career. Nominations should be focused on contributions made between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

*A student artist is defined as a person at the early stage of their artistic career who is currently enrolled in high school, postsecondary educational program, or education arts program (including ongoing instruction/lessons/mentorships. Age is not a factor in determining an artist's qualification for this award category.

Nomination Information

1. Artist Biography
 - a. Please include a biography of the nominee. URL links to biographies hosted online are also permitted.
2. Nominator's Statement of Support
 - a. Please include a personal statement of support for the nominee, detailing the nominee's exceptional talent and accomplishment between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
3. Artistic Achievement and Involvement
 - a. Please list and describe achievements made thus far by the nominee as related to their creative discipline. Criteria include but are not limited to: educational accomplishments or milestones; recognition by peers; meaningful involvement in relevant organizations within the field; industry recognition.
 - b. Please list and describe the nominee's involvement in the arts. Criteria include but are not limited to: participation in educational extracurricular activities; volunteer efforts and/or board service; involvement in arts and culture initiatives within Northeast Indiana.
 - c. If available, please include a statement detailing the nominee's future pursuits as an artist. This may be outlined in narrative form by the nominator, or written by the nominee – please specify which you have included.
4. Upload: Examples of Artwork
 - a. Please upload or share web links with 1-3 examples of the nominee's work presented between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Please be comprehensive but not excessive. If examples are unavailable due to copyright restrictions, please upload 1-3 letters of support pertaining to the nominee's work presented between January 1, 2024 and December 1, 2024.
5. Optional Letter of Support
 - a. Optional, but encouraged, please upload 1-3 letters of support from someone other than the nominator.

2025 Arts United Award: Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education

Presented to an individual(s) who has made a significant contribution to furthering arts education in Northeast Indiana. This award is intended to encourage further development of the arts education programs, to increase collaborative efforts between educators and arts organizations, and to increase awareness of the importance of the arts in education.

Nomination Information

1. Educator Biography
 - a. Please include a brief biography of the nominee as it relates to arts education. URL links to biographies hosted online are also permitted.

2. Nominator's Statement of Support
 - a. Please include a personal statement of support for the nominee.
 - b. Please list the number of years the nominee has served as an educator.
 - c. Please list and describe personal and professional significant achievements made by the nominee as related to furthering arts education in Northeast Indiana/their community. Criteria include but are not limited to: professional accomplishments or milestones; recognition by peers; meaningful involvement in relevant organizations within the field; industry recognition for professional achievements; collaborative efforts; connection points established or strengthened by the nominee; industry awards and/or special recognitions.
 - d. Tell us about the nominee's impact on their students, past or present.

3. Please upload a document containing 1-2 pages documenting student successes and/or supporting stories. These could be articles mentioning the nominee's impact on their students, or letters of support from past or present students/parents.

4. Optional Letter of Support
 - b. Optional, but encouraged, please upload 1-3 letters of support from someone other than the nominator.

2025 Arts United Award: **Outstanding Artistic Endeavor**

Established to recognize an artistic project or event of any creative discipline that positively impacted and engaged residents within Northeast Indiana. Nominations should be focused on projects occurring between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024 and should demonstrate how the project was innovative, transformative, collaborative, unique, and impactful on the community.

Nomination Information

1. Title of Artistic Endeavor/Project
2. Presenting Organization Name, if applicable
3. Summary of Artistic Project
 - a. Please describe the artistic endeavor you are nominating. Eligible projects will have occurred between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
4. Nominator's Statement of Support
 - a. Please include a personal statement of support for the nominee.
 - b. Please describe how the nominated project benefitted Northeast Indiana by being: Innovative; Transformative; Unique; and/or Impactful (include detail on the depth and breadth of impact)
 - c. Please list and describe any elements of the nominated project that were enhanced by collaboration.
5. Upload: Supporting Materials
 - a. Please upload 1-3 supporting materials such as articles, photos, websites, or impact stories. Please be comprehensive but not excessive.
6. Optional Letter of Support
 - c. Optional, but encouraged, please upload 1-3 letters of support from someone other than the nominator.

2025 Arts United Award: **Volunteer of the Year**

Presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to our community by serving as an advocate, ambassador, or volunteer for artists and/or arts organizations in Northeast Indiana. Nominations should be focused on contributions made between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Nomination Information

1. Volunteer Impact
 - a. Outline the nominee's contributions between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.
 - b. Share the significant impact made by the nominee through their efforts as a volunteer. Criteria include but are not limited to: impact on the organization served; breadth of service; advocacy efforts; web links.

2. Nominator's Statement of Support
 - a. Please include a personal statement of support for the nominee.

3. Years of Service
 - a. Please list the number of years the nominee has served as an advocate, ambassador, or volunteer. If this nomination is specific to service at a single organization, please share only the number of years served with that specific organization.

4. Upload: Supporting Materials
 - a. Please upload 1-3 supporting materials such as articles, photos, websites, or impact stories. Please be comprehensive but not excessive.