



Previous Arts United Award Recipients 2008-2025

2025

Distinguished Artist of the Year
Emerging Artist of the Year
Outstanding Artistic Endeavor
Volunteer of the Year
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Mayor's Arts Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Kaylan Buteyn
Maria Tan
Straw Bale Art Trail
Michael Greene & David Fenstermacher
Seth Green
Em Organ
Alan Grinsfelder & Eleanor Marine

2024

Distinguished Artist of the Year
Emerging Artist of the Year
Outstanding Artistic Endeavor

Volunteer of the Year
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Mayor's Arts Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Taylor Morris & Suzanne Rhee
Tyler Bennett
*Jewish History and Art Illuminated: 175 Years
of Congregation Achduth Vesholom*
Ben Wedler
Beth McLeish & Christopher J. Murphy
Clean Drains Fort Wayne: Be River SmART
Jody Hemphill Smith

2023

Arts United Award Recipient
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Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Mayor's Arts Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Amy Ford
Delois McKinley-Eldridge
Janice Furtner
Spongebob: The Musical
Derek Reeves
Michael Johnson
Adrian Mann
Madelane Elston

2022

Arts United Award Recipient
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Carolyn Meyer & Karissa Kalb
Chris Ford
Greg Mendez
Leah Reeder
Sheila Moore & Jomare Bowers-Mizzell
Zynette Paige

Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Mayor's Arts Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Bryan Ballinger
Dorothy Kittaka
Chief Condra Ridley
Daniel Reuning

2021

Arts United Award Recipient
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Mayor's Arts Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

Andre Portee
Francisco Reyes
Rachael Driscoll
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre's *1776*
Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership
The Honeywell Foundation
Chalk Walk at Home
Art This Way
David Meyer

2020

Outstanding Advocate
Outstanding Artist
Outstanding Volunteer
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Emerging Artist
Emerging Leader
Milestone Collaboration
Mayor's Arts Award

Maria Davis
Greg Stieber
Leslie Beauchamp
Laura McCoy
Angela Sahli
Todd Espeland
Violins of Hope
Dr. Wendy Robinson

2019

Outstanding Advocate
Outstanding Artist
Outstanding Collaboration
Outstanding Volunteer
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Emerging Artist
Emerging Leader
Lifetime Achievement Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Mayor's Arts Award

Alexandra Hall
Orion Rapp
FAME's Celebration of Youth Concert
Susan Johnson
Gloria Minnich
Violetta Todorova
Adrian Curry
Lynne Gilmore
Julia Meek
Hector Garcia

2018

Outstanding Advocate/Supporter
Outstanding Artist of the Year
Outstanding Collaboration
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

Ryan Krueckeberg
Metavari
Embassy Theatre Foundation and Blue Jacket
Raquel Kline

Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Emerging Artist
2018 cont.

Emerging Leader
Emerging Leader
Lifetime Achievement Award
Mayor's Arts Award
Mayor's Arts Award

2016

Outstanding Advocate/Supporter
Outstanding Artist of the Year
Outstanding Collaboration
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
Lifetime Achievement Award
Lifetime Achievement Award

2015

Outstanding Advocate/Supporter
Outstanding Artist of the Year
Outstanding Collaboration
Outstanding Collaboration
Outstanding Collaboration
Emerging Leader
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Outstanding Volunteer of the Year
Lifetime Achievement Award

2014

Outstanding Artist of the Year
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Outstanding Arts Volunteer
Outstanding Arts Collaboration

Outstanding Arts Collaboration
Outstanding Arts Advocate
Emerging Arts Leader
Lifetime Achievement

2013

Outstanding Artist of the Year
Outstanding Artist of the Year
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education

Vicki Junk-Wright
Caleb Young

Fatima Washington
Andy Planck
Nancy Stewart
Ben Eisbart
Fort Wayne Youtheatre's Young Heroes of
Conscience Series

Robert Nickerson, Ellsworth Smith, Bill Zabel
Robert Nance
Fort Wayne Children's Choir
Jeff Sebeika
Karen Gibbons-Brown
Betty Fishman

AWS Foundation
Gregory Stieber
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre
Science Central
End Times Spasm Band
Jonathan Busarow
Rick Cartwright
George Bartling
Foellinger Foundation

Adrian Mann
Marshall White
Jane Keltsch
Fort Wayne Ballet and
University of Saint Francis
Taste of the Arts Festival
Ben Eisbart
David Ingram
Liz Monnier

Catherine Nagy Mowry
Janice Furtner
John O'Connell

Outstanding Arts Volunteer
Outstanding Arts Collaboration

Outstanding Arts Advocate
Lifetime Achievement

Mitchell McKinney
Fort Wayne Ballet, Too and
The Hope Arthur Orchestra
Hope Huber
Ian and Mimi Rolland

2012

Outstanding Artist of the Year
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Outstanding Arts Volunteer
Outstanding Corporate Supporter
Outstanding Arts Partnership
Outstanding Arts Advocate
Lifetime Achievement

Andrew Constantine
Marcy Trentacosti
Shelby McFann
Steel Dynamics Foundation
Northeast Indiana Public Radio
Alan Riebe
Richard Baker and Alfred Zacher

2011

Outstanding Artist
Margaret Ann Keegan Award for Arts Education
Outstanding Arts Volunteer
Outstanding Corporate Supporter
Outstanding Arts Collaboration

Outstanding Arts Advocate
Lifetime Achievement

Gregory Stieber
C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D.
Eleanor Marine
Fort Wayne Metals
Civic Theatre, PHP, Parkview Health,
Lutheran Health, ACPL
Sharon Eisbart
Lillian C. Embick and Carol Krull Lupke

2010

Outstanding Artist
Outstanding Arts Educator (Keegan Award)
Outstanding Arts Volunteer
Outstanding Corporate Supporter
Outstanding Arts Partnership
Outstanding Arts Advocate
Lifetime Achievement

Derek Reeves
Heather Miller
Susan Jones
Indiana Michigan Power
Fort Wayne Cultural District (CVB, DID, City)
Fort Wayne Philharmonic Friends
June Enoch and Jackson Lehman

2009

Artist of the Year
Outstanding Arts Educator (Keegan award)
Outstanding Arts Volunteer
Outstanding Corporate Supporter
Outstanding Arts Partner
Outstanding Arts Advocate
Lifetime Achievement

Louise Heckaman
Omowale-Ketu Oladuwa
Santa Brink
Lincoln Financial Foundation
STAR Financial
Anita Cast
Walter Malicki

2008

Outstanding Arts Educator (Keegan award)

Outstanding Arts Volunteer

Outstanding Corporate Supporter

Outstanding Arts Partner

Outstanding Arts Advocate

Lifetime Achievement

Eunice Wadewitz

Diane Humphrey

Sweetwater Sound

Northeast Indiana Public Radio

Jeanne Mirro

Edvard Tchivzhel