



ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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NEWS RELEASE: Arts Recognition Awards Nomination Period Extended *Contra Costa County Arts and Culture Commission to Honor Winners in November*

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Contra Costa County Arts & Culture Commission (AC5) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Arts Recognition Awards; the deadline for submitting nominations has been extended through Thursday, September 28.

AC5 is celebrating its 20th Anniversary of honoring those who have made a significant artistic or philanthropic contribution to the residents and communities in the County. The Commissioners ask that you nominate someone you feel is deserving of this award. Five worthy honorees were recognized in 2016:

- Michael and Shannon Demers President, Board Members and Bookkeeper of Contra Costa Musical Theatre.
- Sylvia Amorina - Founder and Artistic Director of Solo Opera.
- Lawrence Kohl, President Lamorinda Arts Council and Music Director of the Pacific Chamber Orchestra.
- Jay Bedecarre, Former Concord Pavilion Marketing Director and KidsFest Producer.
- Richmond RYSE Center, works with youth of City of Richmond.

The nominees must be, or have been, an active supporter of arts and culture, with sustained contributions and work, that has had a far-reaching impact. Up to five honorees will be selected by a panel of jurists, with special recognition from the County Board of Supervisors on November 14, 2017. A reception will be held at a later date to honor the recipients.

Consider those you feel have made a difference in visual arts, music, performing arts, dance digital arts or arts education for this award. Other worthy candidates might be those who have shown exceptional leadership, vision and commitment to the growth and support of arts and culture, or organizations that have kept the arts alive through continuous or significant financial support.

Please visit the [Arts and Culture Commission website](http://AC5.org) (AC5.org) for more details and to submit nominations online.

The nomination period closes at midnight on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

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