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The Alaska State Council on the Arts seeks nominations for the 2012 Governor's Awards for the Arts

Nominations are now open for the 2012 Governor's Awards for the Arts in the following categories: **Arts Education, Individual Artist, Arts Organization and Native Arts.** Eligibility is open to any individual, organization or institution that has made a significant contribution to the arts in Alaska, with the exception of current ASCA Council members, staff or prior Award recipients. Deadline for nominations is **August 31, 2012.**

The awards will be presented at the Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities to be held at the Captain Cook Hotel in Anchorage on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2012. Award recipients will be selected by the Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Office of the Governor, based on nominees submitted by the public.

Criteria for the 2012 Arts Awards

Arts Education: (individual or organization) Dedication to providing Alaska young people with quality arts education through artist residencies, arts curriculum or arts experiences; advocacy, commitment to arts education; statewide or broad community impact and recognition of peers.

Individual Artist- Artistic leadership, distinction and merit; Recognition of artistic contribution to the state or community through previous honors and awards, reviews or articles; Longevity of impact to state or community.

Arts Organization: Visionary and innovative leadership; statewide impact and collaboration with other organizations; stability and longevity of the organization.

Native Arts: (organization or individual) outstanding effort to perpetuate and promote Alaska's Native arts and cultural heritage or significant impact of artistic contribution that advances the culture.

Nomination forms are available on the Council's website, at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca. For more information, contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts at 1.888.278.7424 or 907.269.6610.

The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnership, grants and services. ASCA is a division of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and is governed by eleven council members appointed by the Governor. It is supported with general funds appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support for arts education programs from the Rasmuson Foundation.