

# The Mayor's Arts Award

The *Mayor's Arts Award* will be granted to a Grand Rapids area business, organization, or an individual(s) that supports and promotes local arts organizations, programs or individual artists through funding and/or advocacy ~~and/or community outreach~~ in the Grand Rapids area. [NOTE: Perhaps use individual(s), since this year the award goes to two people. We thought "advocacy" covers the community outreach aspect. Do we want to say that this is **annual**?]

## Eligibility Guidelines:

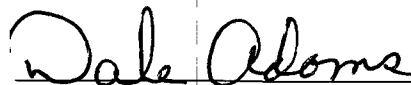
- Businesses, organizations, or an individual may be nominated or may nominate themselves by sending a letter of nomination to the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission, 420 N. Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids MN55744 as described below.
- Businesses, organizations, or individuals must be located in, or a resident of, the City of Grand Rapids or adjacent townships. [NOTE: Since the recipients and some other nominees for this year's award reside outside of the City, this language probably ought to be added.]
- The Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Committee will identify a winning nomination, or more than one nomination if the Committee deems fit, and forward their recommendation(s) to the City Council for their consideration at a February City Council Meeting.
- Winners will be personally notified prior to the award ceremony.
- Telephone nominations will not be accepted.
- Questions concerning this award may be directed to ~~Amy Dettmer~~ (~~adettmer@ci.grand-rapids.mn.us~~), ~~or~~ [NOTE: Contact person needs updating] or the City Clerk in her absence.

## Timeline and Selection:

- A press release calling for nominations will be advertised by January 1<sup>st</sup> of every calendar year. Notice of the same will be advertised in the *Grand Rapids Herald Review*, or other designated legal publication, at least twice prior to the nominations deadline closing. The notice will also be posted on the City's website and physically placed upon the public notice board at City Hall during the same timeframe.
- Deadline for nominations ~~are~~ is February 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. [Deadline is singular.]

- Letters of nomination will be reviewed at the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Committee's February meeting. *[NOTE: Is this correct? It's not what we did this year, due to the pandemic. Perhaps some wiggle room is needed? Before or by its X meeting.]*
- *SUGGESTED ADDITION: Letters of nomination will be carried forward for a period of X years [perhaps 5?]*
- The Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Committee will identify a winning nomination, or more than one nomination if the Committee deems fit, and forward ~~their~~ *its* recommendation to the City Council for ~~their~~ *its* consideration at a ~~February~~ *[??]* City Council Meeting. *[Nitpicking: Committee and Council are collective nouns and thus should be singular.] [See NOTE above as to the month of the meeting.]*
- The award will be presented at the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.
- The award will consist of ~~a donated item of art or other item of artistic significance, or a physical award~~ *an item of art produced by an area artist that highlights* the Mayor's appreciation of ~~the business's, organization's, or an individual's~~ efforts in promoting the arts in the City of Grand Rapids. *[NOTE: Recommended change, since this is what we've been doing, plus it clearly articulates that the Commission values and supports local artists.]*

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.



Dale Adams, Mayor

Attest:



Kim Gibeau, City Clerk