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Nominations open for Wendt and Mayor's Arts Awards

Mayor Cassie Franklin to honor recipients on April 21, 2023

EVERETT – Nominations are now open for the 2022 Mayor's Arts Awards and the prestigious Richard and Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence. Nominations close at 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30, 2022. The awards will be presented on April 21, 2023 at the Everett Performing Arts Center and the event will be free to the public. The ceremony begins at 7 p.m. with a pre-event social hour at 6 p.m.

"I'm excited we will be able to once again come together for this inspiring event," said Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin. "I know we have many talented artists in this City and I can't wait see all the nominations."

The annual awards recognize artists, arts organizations and community members committed to enriching the Everett community through the arts. All nominations will be reviewed and selected by Mayor Franklin and the Cultural Arts Commission.

To make a nomination and get updates on the event, visit everettwa.gov/mayorsarts.

About the awards

Richard and Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence

The Richard & Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence is given annually to a person or organization who has demonstrated outstanding support of the arts throughout their lifetime. The award is named for Dr. Richard Wendt, who passed away in 2007, and his wife Nancy Wendt, who passed away in the spring of 2021. Following Nancy's death, the decision was made by the Cultural Arts Commission – with the support of Richard and Nancy's daughters – to rename the award to include Nancy's name. From here forward, this lifetime achievement award will be known as the Richard and Nancy Wendt Award of Excellence to honor the legacy of these two remarkable people.

Mayors Arts Awards

The Mayor's Arts Awards recognize the many ways a vibrant arts community is created and sustained. Each year, the Cultural Arts Commission gives several Mayor's Arts Awards to people or organizations that have made Everett a better place through their creative efforts, vision or patronage.

Learn more

The Everett Cultural Arts Commission is composed of volunteer commissioners who are appointed by the mayor. The mission of the commission is to initiate, sponsor, organize and promote cultural and artistic programs and services for the enrichment and enjoyment of the Everett community.

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