

THE ALEX AWARDS PROGRAM

The annual **Alex Awards** program, sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, promotes interest and involvement in the arts by recognizing excellence in four categories:

- Artistic – Excellence in an Artistic Discipline
- Community – Excellence in Service to the Arts
- Education – Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education
- Business – Innovative Partnerships between Businesses and the Arts.

Through the Alex Awards, the Alexandria Commission for the Arts invites colleagues in these sectors to help inspire and sustain a creative environment for the Alexandria community throughout the year.

In each of the four categories, the **Alex Award** will be an original work of art commissioned from a local Alexandria artist.

CRITERIA AND ENTRY MATERIALS

Nominees should be distinguished by letters of support from peers and business colleagues, recognition from professional organizations or institutions of higher learning, and visual evidence of their artistic excellence. Evidence of excellence may include reviews appearing in newspapers and magazines. If photographs are submitted, they should be either on CD-ROM or highest-quality prints.

The **Alex Awards** are open to all those who live, work, or study within the limits of the City of Alexandria. No self-nominations will be accepted. There are no restrictions by sex, age, race, religion, or sexual orientation.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is affiliated with the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities of the City of Alexandria.

CATEGORIES

Excellence in an Artistic Discipline

Nominees can include an artist or group who has been recognized locally and/or outside of Alexandria, or who has a history of recognition by peers.

Excellence in Service to the Arts

Nominees can include fund-raisers, organizers, volunteers, or donors to artists and arts organizations.

Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education

Nominees can be teachers, business people, donors, or volunteer groups fostering arts education.

Innovative Partnerships between Businesses and the Arts

Nominees should be businesses that have formed partnerships with a school, an arts group, or an arts support group.

All nominations must be received at the Commission's office no later than Friday, September 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Postmarks will not be accepted.

HISTORY

First presented in 1985 by the Cultural Committee of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the original **Alex Award** was an engraved star paperweight. The awards were discontinued in 1995.

Revived by the Arts Commission in 2004 at its 20 anniversary gala, the present **Alex Awards** are original art works commissioned for the recipients.



Alex Awards

2008

Saluting Alexandrians who have made a significant contribution to the cultural fabric of our community.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS:

Friday, September 19, 2008
4:00 p.m.

Alexandria Commission for the Arts
1108 Jefferson Street
Alexandria, VA 22314



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ELIGIBILITY

Nominees are limited to individuals who live, work or study; or organizations, schools, and businesses located in the City of Alexandria. Members and staff of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts are ineligible for nomination. Only one nomination may be made per entry form.

Please note: Nominees are eligible to receive the **Alex Award** in only one category in any year. Nominees may receive another **Alex Award** in a different category in subsequent years.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

(All steps of the nomination process are required for complete consideration.)

Complete the nomination form.

- Submit a one-page narrative (8.5" x 11") about the nominee that includes: biographical information, artistic and/or service achievements, and a brief explanation of your reasons for making this nomination.
- For individual nominations, attach a copy of the nominee's resume, not to exceed four pages.
- Individuals without resumes will not be considered
- For organization and business nominations, attach a copy of a promotional brochure describing the mission or purpose and type of business or organization.
- Submit additional supporting materials demonstrating the nominee's achievements. These materials may include photos, testimonial letters, newspaper and magazine clippings, and award letters.

Nominations without supporting narrative or materials will not be considered.



2008 Alex Awards NOMINATION FORM:



Make ONE nomination per entry form. Please type or print all information. You may copy this form to make additional nominations. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts will not accept faxed or emailed nominations.

Name of Nominee: _____
(Individual or Organization)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone : _____ Cell: : _____

E-mail: _____

Check one category:

- Excellence in an Artistic Discipline Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education
 Excellence in Service to the Arts Innovative Partnerships between Businesses and the Arts

Nominator's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone : _____ Cell: : _____

E-mail: _____

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All nominations must include: 1) nomination form; 2) one-page narrative about the nominee;
and 3) supporting materials.

Applications without supporting materials will not be considered. In person deliveries can be made to the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

If you are interested in becoming an Alex Awards sponsor or wish to purchase tickets,
call (703) 838-6348 or visit: www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org