



## 2020 Governor's Arts Awards Recipients Announced

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**(Omaha, Nebraska)** – The Nebraska Arts Council is pleased to announce the 2020 Governor's Arts Awards honorees. The biennial Governor's Arts Awards is Nebraska's premier event in recognizing individuals and organizations that shape our state's artistic landscape. The impact of the arts, and these honorees, is felt in the classroom, the economy and the community. Honorees are as follows:

**Access to the Arts:** An individual, school district or community organization that has made an outstanding contribution to accessibility in the Nebraska.

**[Carolyn Owen Anderson | Omaha](#)**  
**[Lincoln Community Playhouse](#)**

**Excellence in Arts Education:** An individual, school district or community organization that has made a long-term, outstanding contribution to arts education in the Nebraska.

**[Rebecca Noble | Omaha](#)**

[Jerome Dubas | Grand Island](#)

**Heritage Arts:** Awarded to an individual, group or organization that exemplifies authenticity and excellence within a cultural tradition.

[Garan Coons | Rosalie](#)  
[Linda Garcia-Perez | Omaha](#)

**Organizational Achievement:** Awarded to an arts organization that has demonstrated a consistently high level of excellence in programming and outreach.

[Fremont Area Arts Association](#)  
[Opera Omaha](#)

**Outstanding Artist:** Awarded to an individual artist practicing in any discipline whose work or career has made a significant contribution to their art form and to the state of Nebraska.

[Herb Mignery | Loveland CO](#)  
[Dave Stewart | Hastings](#)

**Thomas C. Woods III Partner in the Arts:** Awarded to an individual, business, school district or community organization that has shown outstanding commitment by its continued support of the arts through time, energy, expertise and/or financial support.

[Matt & Shelly Sehnert | McCook](#)  
[NET, Nebraska's PBS & NPR Stations | Friday Live | Lincoln](#)

**Public Invite:**

The public is invited to share in the celebration of these honorees at an upcoming award ceremony, hosted by the Nebraska Arts Council. The ceremony will take place Friday, March 27, at the State Capitol Building in the rotunda (1445 K St, Lincoln, NE 68508). The ceremony will begin at 3:00 p.m. A reception will take place following the ceremony at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel (333 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE 68508) with light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

**(Awardee bios are available by selecting awardee name, or [on our website](#))**

**About the Nebraska Arts Council**

The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC), a state agency, provides numerous grants, services and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. NAC is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, Nebraska Legislature and National Endowment for the Arts.

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