

## MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS

The Mayor's Awards for the Arts recognize outstanding commitment and dedication to the arts in Sangamon and Menard Counties, the area served by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Mayor Jim Langfelder and the Springfield Area Arts Council invite citizens in these counties to participate in the twenty-first celebration of support for the arts in our communities by submitting nominations in any of eight categories. An awards selection committee, appointed by the Mayor, will review all nominations and select the award recipients. The recipients of the 2022 Mayor's Awards for the Arts will receive artwork by photographer Rich Saal who has been commissioned to design the awards.

### CATEGORIES

**Individual Artist – Visual Artist:** A living artist, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has produced a significant body of work in the field of visual arts and who has contributed to the arts in our area, includes 2-D and 3-D work.

**Individual Artist – Performing Artist:** A living artist, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has produced a significant body of work in the field of performing arts and who has contributed to the arts in our area; includes music, theater, and dance.

**Individual Artist – Literary Artist:** A living artist, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has produced a significant body of work in the field of literary arts and who has contributed to the arts in our area; includes playwriting, poetry, and prose (fiction and \ or non-fiction).

**Arts Organization:** A nonprofit organization that has made a substantial impact on the cultural development of this area as demonstrated through exceptional artistic achievement and outstanding programming.

**Business:** A local business that has demonstrated a significant commitment to the arts, recognizing the imperative role of public \ private partnerships. This commitment may be in the form of financial, personnel, and \ or resource support.

**Arts Volunteer:** A volunteer who consistently supports the arts through a commitment of personal time, energy, and devotion.

**Arts Educator:** An individual who has made a significant contribution to kindergarten through twelfth-grade arts education, as a teacher, mentor, or catalyst who educates children through the arts.

**Arts Student:** A high school or college student, residing in Sangamon or Menard County, who has demonstrated exceptional talent as a visual, performing, or literary artist and who has made a significant contribution to the arts community.