

Announcing the 2023 Governor's Awards for the Arts Winners

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Eight winners have been selected to receive Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio this year.

A tradition since 1971, the Governor's Awards showcase and celebrate exceptional Ohio artists, arts organizations, arts leaders and patrons, educators, and business support of the arts. Award recipients are presented with the only arts award in the state that is conferred by the governor.

In recognition of their impactful and visionary leadership in Ohio's creative sector and their sustained dedication to promoting artistic excellence, awardees will be honored during a ceremony on May 17, 2023.

"Ohio features a wealth of artistic talent, creative entrepreneurs, and innovative arts leaders and educators. Our shared strength in the arts makes the Buckeye state a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We're proud to showcase and celebrate Ohio's cultural assets through the Governor's Awards for the Arts," said OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins.

Each of the winners will receive an original work of art by painter Brian Robinson of Dover.

Registration for the event opens soon, and additional information will be available in the coming weeks. [Visit the Governor's Awards page for regular updates.](#)

The 2023 award recipients and categories follow:

Arts Administration | Kathy Wade | Cincinnati (Hamilton)

Arts Education | Dr. Douglas Marrah | Ashland (Ashland)

Arts Patron | Louella Reese | Granville (Licking)

Business Support of the Arts | Walnut Street Gallery, LLC | Wooster (Wayne)

Community Development and Participation (co-winner) | Michael London | Dayton (Montgomery)

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Individual Artist | Tricia Kaman | Cleveland (Cuyahoga)

Irma Lazarus | Ann Hamilton | Columbus (Franklin)

[Biographical information and headshots are available.](#)

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