



2016 For the Love of Art Honorees

The ArtCentre of Plano is pleased to announce the honorees for the 2016 *For the Love of Art* Awards to be presented on October 8, 2016, at an awards presentation, dinner and art auction to be held at the Haggard Party Barn, 5948 McKamy Rd., Plano, TX 75024.

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Arts Educator: Christine Miller

Christine Miller is a Fine Arts and Communication Applications Teacher at Williams High School in Plano ISD. In 2016, Ms. Miller captured the Western Region Secondary Art Educator of the Year Award and was recognized during the National Art Education Association's conference. Christine's art has been showcased in many exhibitions, earning several artistic awards. She has also received a Plano ISD Excellence in Teaching Award, a Plano ISD Education Foundation Grant and much more.

Arts Volunteer: Burke Asher

Burke Asher has served as a volunteer for numerous Plano arts organizations including the ArtCentre of Plano and Plano Repertory Theatre. Burke has been a dedicated member of the ArtCentre of Plano's Board of Directors for many years. He currently chairs our Investment Committee where he is able to put his extensive financial experience to use. Burke generously supports the ArtCentre's fundraising activities and willingly helps out whenever there is a need; from manning a booth at an arts festival to packing boxes for a move. In 1988, he was named Arts Volunteer of the Year by the Information and Referral Center.

Arts Leadership: Pat Evans

Pat Evans served as Mayor of Plano from 2002-2009 and as a member of the City Council elected in 1996. During her tenure, she established the Public Art Committee; helped obtain for the City "Trails in Legacy," a 22 piece series of life sized bronze sculptures by Robert Summers; led the City's establishment of the Courtyard Theatre; and helped promote a mosaic wall titled "Tracks of Our Past and Future" celebrating the history of the Douglass Community. Mayor Evans has been one of the ArtCentre's strongest supporters.

Performing Artist: Brad Baker

Brad Baker is Chair of Theatre at Collin College and has been widely recognized for developing one of the most challenging theatre departments in the nation. Under his leadership, the College's theatre department has won the Texas State Drama Championship seven times, with Brad also being honored for his directing expertise. In 2000, Brad was named the United States Professor the Year, honored by the Carnegie Foundation and C.A.S.E. (The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education). In 2002, he was named the Texas Educator of the Year by the Texas Educational Theatre Association.

Visual Artist: Michael Holter

Michael Holter is a widely-recognized artist who works in both watercolor and oil. His work has received numerous awards and recognition and can be found in private and corporate collections in the US and several foreign countries. Although Michael has been painting most of his life, his work experience spans a wide range of creative endeavors, from art teacher and creative director to businessman in fine art and commercial art. Most recently he received 3rd Place Award at the Oil Painters of American Plein Air Convention in Dallas.

Arts Organization: Plano International Festival

The International Festival was conceived by the city's Multicultural Outreach Roundtable to showcase and celebrate the rich cultural diversity of the City of Plano. Through multicultural displays, entertainment, food and activities, it promotes cultural awareness and communication between cultural groups and advances Plano's visibility as an international city. Thousands of visitors attend this event each year.

Arts Patron: Mirna and Bob Lynch (Dec.)

Along with her late husband Bob, Mirna Linch has been involved in numerous volunteer activities in Plano, with special emphasis on the Plano Symphony Orchestra. Mirna has also been involved with the establishment of the Historic Downtown Arts District in Plano and the Plano Arts Coalition. Her commitment to the arts over decades is greatly appreciated and hereby honored.

Arts Impresario Award: Ten20 Gallery

The Ten20 Gallery was chosen because of its efforts to showcase works by local artist and create a casual venue for art enthusiasts. The pop-up art gallery established by Jorg Fercher of Jorg's Cafe Vienna, Jeff Bergus, owner of Lockhart Smokehouse, and Photographer Ken Wesley aims to be a catalyst for similar organic concepts in the Downtown Arts District.

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