



2019 Distinction in the Arts Awards Nomination Guidelines

The City of San Antonio is seeking nominations for Distinction in the Arts Awards honorees in the fields of Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Music, Literary Arts, Culinary Arts, Arts Patronage, and Arts Administration. The Distinction in the Arts (DIA) Award is presented to an artist, organization, or individual who has provided enduring and effective cultural leadership, displayed exceptional artistic accomplishments and/or made a significant contribution and impact to the San Antonio's arts community.

DIA Honorees will be honored at a public awards ceremony which will be organized by the City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture, with support from the San Antonio Arts Commission and the Distinction in the Arts Committee (a committee of the San Antonio Arts Commission). Past award winners can be found online at: <https://www.getcreativesanantonio.com/About-Us/DIA>.

Nominee Selection Process

The City of San Antonio will solicit public nominations for the DIA Honorees from the San Antonio Community. After the nomination process has closed, the Distinction in the Arts Committee will review all nominations and supporting credentials before recommending nominees to the San Antonio Arts Commission for approval of the final Honoree selections. Honorees will be selected as appropriate. The DIA Committee reserves the right to honor recipients in categories of its choice.

Categories

- A. Visual Arts
- B. Performing Arts
- C. Literary Arts
- D. Music
- E. Culinary Arts
- F. Art Patronage
- G. Arts Administration

Eligibility

Nominees are not required to reside in the City of San Antonio, however, the significant contributions must have been for the benefit of the San Antonio community and its residents. Nominees must be living individuals or active organizations. Nominations for arts organizations or employees of arts organizations should reflect activity beyond normal expectations or responsibilities.

Criteria

For Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Literary Arts, Culinary Arts and Music categories:

- Nominee demonstrates sustainable history, artistic excellence and distinction in chosen discipline
- Nominee's work demonstrates creativity, originality, and is thought provoking
- Nominee's influence on other artists, length and depth of career and the body of work, innovation and superiority in style and technique
- Nominee's work samples and supporting materials clearly demonstrate a high standard of artistic excellence
- Nominee has a demonstrated history of knowledge and expertise in chosen discipline
- Nominee has an extensive artistic history in San Antonio in chosen discipline and will be long remembered as an artistic pioneer

For Arts Patronage and Arts Administration categories:

- Nominee's general involvement in the arts and impact on the San Antonio Arts Community
- Nominee's leadership in major artistic and cultural initiatives
- Nominee's work to increase funding and resources for the arts
- Nominee's effort to increase public awareness of the arts
- Nominee's effort to increase access to the arts for underserved individuals and/or communities

Review Process

All nominations will be reviewed by the Department of Arts & Culture to ensure the nomination is complete. Incomplete nominations will not be considered. Eligible candidates will be reviewed by the DIA committee, who will rate the candidates based on the nomination packet submitted and recommend DIA Honorees to the San Antonio Arts Commission.

How To Nominate

Nominations can be submitted beginning **December 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM (CST)** and ending **February 1, 2019 at 4:00 PM (CST)**. Nominations will be accepted by email, in person, or postmarked by the deadline. Submissions delivered in person must be date-stamped at the Department of Arts & Culture front desk.

Email: DIAawards@sanantonio.gov
Address: City of San Antonio Department of Arts and Culture
Attn: Distinction in the Arts Awards
203 S. St. Mary's Street, Suite 120
San Antonio, TX 78205

NOMINATION FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Required Documents

- Completed nomination form
- List of accomplishments, awards, and/or recognitions and biographical information/history (limit to 1 page)
- Justification Narrative: Why do you believe this person/organization merits the Distinction in the Arts Award and how have their accomplishments impacted the City of San Antonio's arts and culture? (limit to 1 page)

Optional Documents

- Support Materials: images, videos, audio, letters of recommendation, certificates, websites, press clippings, write ups, etc. (limit to 6)