

**CITY OF TORRANCE  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**2018 “Excellence in the Arts” Awards**

**CRITERIA**

**Arts Disciplines**

***Dance*** – Nominees may be dancers, choreographers, or dance instructors.

***Drama & Theatre Arts*** – Nominees may be actors or other creative professionals such as directors; “behind the scenes” practitioners such as costumers are also eligible.

***Music*** – Nominees may be musicians, composers, vocalists, or music instructors.

***Visual Arts & Design*** – Nominees may be artists utilizing any medium, including but not limited to painting, photography, sculpture, or computer generated.

***Literary Arts*** – Nominees may be poets, writers of fiction, non-fiction, plays, essays or history.

***Arts Education*** – Nominees may be instructors in any arts discipline, at any level.

***Katy Geissert Award***

The Katy Geissert Award recognizes outstanding support for all the arts in Torrance. The Geissert award is open to anyone who contributes to the arts in Torrance regardless of their residence. Eligible awardees might include philanthropic individuals, outstanding organizations, corporations or other institutions – or innovators who have had an impact. They may be selected for their contributions to the arts in programmatic, artistic, organizational, volunteer, advocacy, funding and any other area that provides substantial and recognizable support for the arts in Torrance.

Nominees will be reviewed based on the following qualifications:

1. Recognition in the field by their peers
2. Quality of work
3. Service to the Torrance community through the arts

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**“EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARDS”**

**GUIDELINES**

- PURPOSE:** To recognize excellence in the advancement of the arts as demonstrated by Torrance persons, businesses, or organizations.
- AWARDS:** Certificates may be presented in the following categories: music, drama and theatre arts, visual arts and design, dance, literary arts and arts education. The Katy Geissert Award is for overall excellence and contributions to the arts. It is the discretion of the Cultural Arts Commission to determine annually which category (ies) and who is awarded.
- NOMINATION:** Any Torrance resident, business, or organization may nominate an individual, business, or organization for an award in any category. Nominations must be in writing and have the consent of the nominee.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Any Torrance resident, or those employed in Torrance, who is past the age of 18 years may be nominated. Businesses and organizations whose main office and operations occur within the City may be nominated. It is suggested that organizations that are nominated be composed of at least 50% Torrance residents. Current Cultural Arts Commissioners and their immediate families are not eligible.
- SELECTION:** The Excellence in Arts Committee will review all submissions and make a recommendation to the full Cultural Arts Commission about who should receive the awards. The Cultural Arts Commission will act on this recommendation at a regular meeting of the Commission.
- PRESENTATION:** The presentation of each award will be made by the Chair of the artistic discipline. The awards will be made in the name of the Cultural Arts Commission by authority of the City Council.
- The Cultural Arts Commission Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in the Arts will be presented at the annual reception hosted by the Cultural Arts Commission each October.