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## Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa Harwelden Awards Summary

### About

The mission of the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa is to cultivate a more creative Tulsa through advocacy, education, and innovative partnerships, which contribute to the quality of life and economic vitality of the greater community. As such it is inherent in our mission to recognize and award those individuals and organizations that share our mission and have worked to further Tulsa as a culturally aware city where the lives of all citizens are enriched by access to and participation in a diverse spectrum of arts and humanities experiences.

Harwelden Awards honor individuals and organizations that have been exemplary advocates and supporters of the arts and humanities in the Tulsa community. A committee of Past Presidents of the Council decides the six potential awards listed below. The Mayfest Young Artist Awards are application based and decided by a separate panel of jurors. They are not included in the below list.

### Overall Criteria

When making a nomination, the following should be considered:

- **Dynamic leadership**, which has had a significant impact on the arts and humanities in Tulsa. Examples might include particularly generous funding of the arts in general or a specific arts program or organization, creation of new programs, public arts advocacy, or leadership in strategic planning or capital campaigns.
- **Consistent leadership**, which reflects an ongoing commitment to the arts and humanities in Tulsa. Examples might include consistent generous funding of many organizations, board or volunteer leadership across years or in many organizations, as well as active and valued staff or volunteers.
- **Visionary leadership**, which has increased or changed the possibility and scope of the arts or creative life in Tulsa. Examples might include the founding of a new program or organization, as well as leadership in visionary and innovative partnerships or endeavors.

## **Awards List**

### **Liddy K. Doenges Individual Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to an individual who has been an exemplary advocate and supporter of the arts in Tulsa. This person will have demonstrated dynamic leadership that has resulted in a significant impact on the arts and humanities in Tulsa. Currently serving members of the AHCT Board of Directors are not eligible to receive this award.

### **Benedict I. Lubell Corporate Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to company of any size whose support demonstrates the importance of the arts to the corporate community and to the Tulsa metro area at large. This award is intended to honor companies who set an example in the community by encouraging volunteerism, sponsoring programs, and advocating for the arts. Currently serving members of the AHCT Board of Directors are not eligible to receive this award.

### **John L. Everitt Nonprofit Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to a foundation, nonprofit organization, or civic group whose consistent, visionary leadership demonstrates the richness of life possible in a community centered in the arts. This award is intended to honor past achievements and express excitement for future endeavors. Currently serving members of the AHCT Board of Directors are not eligible to receive this award.

### **Kathleen P. Westby Lifetime Award**

**Criteria:** Awarded to an individual or organization that has impacted Tulsa's arts and culture in immeasurable ways. This award is intended to honor the myriad efforts of the recipient, who demonstrates the leadership our community needs to remain at the forefront of state, regional, and national arts and culture. Currently serving members of the AHCT Board of Directors are not eligible to receive this award.

### **Charles E. Norman Distinguished Service Award**

**Criteria:** This award is presented to a current or recent member of the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa Board of Directors who has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the

organization. The Council considers this person's role vital to the organization.

### **Bart Betow Memorial Music Education Award**

**About the Award:** Bart Betow was a masterpiece – a rare young man who inspired those around him to love life to its fullest. Bart recognized at an early age that words and music were his talent and pleasure. In his eighteen years, he used words and music to bring people together – he wrote songs of celebration, advice, and encouragement. His talents were our invitation to enjoy life and seek purpose. His parents, Gary Betow and Kathleen McKeown, and his sister Faith Betow, established this award to memorialize their beloved son and brother and to recognize leadership in music education.

**Criteria:** Nominees must be music educators who reach the community at large, preferably in an underserved area. Nominees must fulfill the spirit of the award by making a significant contribution to music education in the Tulsa community or surrounding area. The recipient receives a cash award, sponsored by the Betow family, to support the organization they represent.