



ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
**NORTHFIELD LIVING TREASURE AWARD**  
MEDIA RELEASE

**Call for Nominations for Northfield Living Treasure Award**

*Northfield, Minnesota*

*July 31, 2010*

| ***For immediate release***

The Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) for the City of Northfield, Minn. is launching an annual Living Treasures Award to honor individuals who have, throughout their careers, significantly contributed to Northfield in, through, or on behalf of culture and/or the arts. The ACC will recognize one recipient each year whose efforts have enhanced the city's reputation and improved the quality of life of its citizens. This person will be deemed a living treasure. The Northfield News is generously sponsoring the award.

The public is encouraged to submit nominations, based on these criteria:

- The nominee must be living and a Northfield area resident.
- He or she must have amassed a body of work that demonstrates consistency of excellence.
- Nominees should be an inspiration to others.
- The nominee should possess positive personal attributes such as kindness, courage, wisdom, humor and generosity.

Nomination forms must be co-signed by three persons without family ties to the nominee. The nominee must also sign the form, indicating his/her willingness to be considered. Forms will be available at City Hall, the Northfield Public Library and the Northfield News. To be considered for the 2011 Award, nomination forms must be submitted to the ACC at the City Administrator's Office at City Hall, 801 Washington Street, no later than Sept. 30, 2010.

An inaugural award will be presented at a public ceremony in November. The commission plans to publicly display information on Northfield's Living Treasure throughout 2011 and engrave and install a permanent plaque at a location to be determined. In addition, recipients will be encouraged to share their expertise, to the extent that they are able, with the community ~~over the~~ for the twelve months following receipt of the award.

**For more information, contact:**

Philip Spensley, Chair

Arts and Culture Commission

Phone: 507-663-7141

Email: [pspensley@earthlink.net](mailto:pspensley@earthlink.net)

Or visit the city's website: [www.ci.northfield.mn.us](http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us).



ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
**NORTHFIELD LIVING TREASURE AWARD**  
NOMINATION FORM

**THE AWARD**

This annual award, given by the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Northfield and sponsored by the Northfield News, honors those individuals or groups who have, over a period of time, made significant contributions to Northfield in, through or on behalf of arts and culture, so as to enhance the reputation of the city and the quality of life of its citizens.

Normally, one recipient will be named by the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) each year: either a practitioner in one of the arts or a supporter/advocate/arts or cultural leader.

This award is one of recognition and has no financial value.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS**

To be considered for the 2011 Award, nomination forms must be submitted to the ACC at the City Administrator's Office at City Hall, 801 Washington Street, no later than Sept. 30, 2010.

CRITERIA for nomination (taken from the United Nations guidelines to countries, states, and cities):

- The nominee must have amassed a body of work that demonstrates consistency of excellence.
- The nominee must be an inspiration to others.
- Personal admirable attributes that the nominee may possess include: kindness, courage, wisdom, grace, authenticity, humor, humility, respectfulness and generosity.
- The nominee must be living and a Northfield area resident.
- The awardee, in discussions with the ACC, is encouraged to serve the community and share his/her expertise for a period of no less than twelve months from January 1 to December 31 during the year after receiving the award, to the extent they are able. Contributions might include offering a series of lectures, workshops or classes to students in the Northfield schools and/or to the community as a whole, serving as primary spokesperson or advocate for arts and/or culture when called upon, or by serving in a primary capacity for an arts and/or cultural event.

In addition to the criteria that a nominee must meet to be designated as a Living Treasure, the nomination process has three basic requirements:

1. The nomination must be signed by three persons not related to the nominee.
2. The nominator must inform the nominee about the intent to pursue a nomination, and the nominee must agree to be nominated.
3. The nominator must work together with the nominee to complete this form.

**NOMINEE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Does the nominee agree to serve the community as outlined in the criteria above according to their abilities?

YES  NO

**NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CO-NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CO-NOMINATOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**If more space is needed for any of the questions, please attach a separate page with the relevant question(s) clearly identified.**

1. What is/are the nominee's area(s) of expertise?

2. What is the general nature of the nominee's contribution to the arts and/or culture?

3. Why do you believe the nominee's contribution to the state of arts and/or culture in Northfield specifically, and/or to its quality of life, and/or to Northfield's identify, qualifies him or her for this award?

4. What are the three most interesting, unusual or unique features of the nominee's work, accomplishments or contributions?

5. How does the nominee promote understanding of his or her field of expertise or to the values of arts and/or culture?

6. Is the nominee a member of any trade, professional or service organization related to arts and/or culture? If so, which?

7. Please list any special recognition or awards the nominee has received for his or her work.

8. Has the nominee been featured in any publications, television, films, or other media? If so, please note them here:

If you wish to include supporting documentation such as a resume, portfolio, newspaper articles, photographs, or other relevant items in support of this nomination, please feel free to do so.