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NORTHFIELD LIVING TREASURES AWARD PROGRAM

THE AWARD

This annual award honors those individuals and 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.

The recipients' photo and biographical information will be placed prominently on public display during that year and their name engraved on a permanent plaque. Additionally, photos and biographies of recipients will be retained as an ongoing historical archive.

The first award will be made in November 2010 and annually in November thereafter. Awards will be made in person at a public ceremony, the specific date each year to be determined by the ACC.

PROCESS

Nominations will be received by the ACC.

The ACC will review the qualifications of the nominees and determine the recipients of the award. The ACC may designate a selection committee to review the candidates and the criteria and to make its recommendations to the ACC as a whole for approval.

Nomination forms must be signed by no less than three persons having no family relationship to the nominee as well as by the nominee signifying their willingness to be nominated. Nominees may self nominate but will still need three co-signators as described above.

Nomination forms will be available at various locations around town, including the public library and city hall and on the City's website: www.ci.Northfield.mn.us Nominations must be submitted by September 30 in order to be considered for that year's award.

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION

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

- The nominee must be living and a Northfield area resident.
- 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, in discussions with the ACC, is encouraged to serve the community and share their 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 spokesperson or advocate for arts and culture when called upon including featured appearances at important artistic and cultural events, or by serving in a primary capacity for an arts and or cultural event as an art curator, music conductor, theatre director or producer, dance choreographer, film maker, or event organizer.