



February 22, 2011

Dear Friends,

The Aberdeen Area Arts Council biennially recognizes individuals, businesses and organizations for their outstanding contribution to the arts in Aberdeen and the surrounding area. The Friends of the Arts Awards were originated to honor those who show outstanding support for the arts in our community. Each winner is honored with a piece of artwork created by a local artist.

We need your input to help identify those people who have made a significant contribution to the arts in our area. There is no way the AAAC can be aware of *all* the people and the efforts they put forth to keep the arts alive in Aberdeen and the surrounding area.

Five awards are given biennially. Award categories and a brief description of each is as follows.

- **Student:** Area K-12 student or local university student who has excelled in the arts.
- **Arts Educator:** Individual who has made significant contributions to arts education in our area.
- **Creative Achievement:** This is given to an area arts practitioner who has excelled in the arts.
- **Business/Organization:** An area business or organization that is an advocate for the arts and has made significant contributions to the arts.
- **Arts Advocate:** An area individual who is a supporter and advocate for the arts.

A sixth award is given at the discretion of the board.

- **Distinguished Service to the Arts:** This is given at the discretion of the board to a true leader in the advocacy and support of the arts.

To make a nomination, please fill out the attached nomination form. Nominations are due by March 11, 2011. They may be mailed to AAAC, 225 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401, emailed to [artscouncil@nvc.net](mailto:artscouncil@nvc.net), or delivered to our office. The awards will be presented later this spring.

We have a busy spring and hope to see you at an upcoming event! Visit our website for more information on all of these events.

March 27 – Jim Witter – the Piano Men

April 4 – 9 – Agatsuma Residency – from Japan. This is the last ensemble to visit Aberdeen in the Arts Midwest Worldfest project. Public concert is on April 9.

April 16 – Empty Bowls dinner – help with hunger issues right here in Aberdeen

May 17-19 – ARCC Dance Recital

Thank you for your time and your continued support.

Warm regards,

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The purpose of the Council is to enhance the quality of life through the Arts by initiating, sponsoring, and encouraging art opportunities and promoting the Arts through education in the Aberdeen area.