

Governor's Arts Award Recipients 1977-2017

Oregon Arts Commission

| Individual | Organization | Year | Governor | City | Description | Award Type |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|------|------------------|-----------|--|-----------------------------|
| Angus Bowmer | Oregon Shakespeare Festival | 1977 | Robert Straub | Ashland | Joint award - founder and organization | Organization AND Individual |
| Jacob Avshalomov | The Portland Youth Philharmonic | 1984 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Joint award - conductor and orchestra | Organization AND Individual |
| | Albany Creative Arts Guild | 1977 | Robert Straub | Albany | | Organization |
| | Art in Public Places | 1988 | Neil Goldschmidt | Bend | | Organization |
| | Arts in Oregon Council | 1977 | Robert Straub | Statewide | | Organization |
| | Bank of America | 1999 | John Kitzhaber | Statewide | Corporate arts supporters | Organization |
| | BOORA Architects | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Design of cultural facilities and arts patronage | Organization |
| | Brooks-Scanlon Inc | 1980 | Victor Atiyeh | | Corporate support for the arts | Organization |
| | CALYX | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Corvallis | Feminist press | Organization |
| | Chamber Music Northwest | 1995 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Chamber music programs | Organization |
| | Children's Educational Theatre | 1994 | Barbara Roberts | Salem | Outstanding theater programs for youth | Organization |
| | Citizens of Eugene | 1983 | Victor Atiyeh | Eugene | For development of the Hult Center for the Performing Arts | Organization |
| | Contemporary Crafts Association | 1980 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Crafts programming | Organization |
| | Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts | 2017 | Kate Brown | Pendleton | Community | Organization |
| | Cultural Task Forces, 1998-2001 | 2002 | John Kitzhaber | Statewide | Cultural leadership | Organization |
| | Eugene Ballet Company | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Eugene | Dance touring efforts | Organization |
| | Eugene Summer Festival of Music | 1981 | Victor Atiyeh | Eugene | (precursor of the Oregon Bach Festival) | Organization |
| | Friends of Timberline | 1987 | Neil Goldschmidt | Mt Hood | Public art & preservation | Organization |
| | Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center | 1992 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Community arts programs | Organization |
| | Jefferson High School Arts Program | 1978 | Robert Straub | Portland | Arts education | Organization |
| | Kaiser Permanente | 1986 | Victor Atiyeh | Statewide | Corporate arts supporter | Organization |
| | Meyer Memorial Trust | 1992 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Arts patronage | Organization |
| | Mt Hood Festival of Jazz | 1989 | Neil Goldschmidt | Gresham | Arts development & festival promotion | Organization |

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| Northwest Film Center | 1998 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | | Organization |
| Northwest Review | 1993 | Barbara Roberts | Eugene | Literary magazine | Organization |
| OCRI Foundation | 1991 | Barbara Roberts | La Grande | Arts patrons | Organization |
| ODS Health Plans | 1995 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Corporate arts supporter | Organization |
| OPB's Oregon Art Beat | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Arts & cultural leadership | Organization |
| Oregon Business Committee for the Arts | 1990 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Arts leadership & advocacy | Organization |
| Oregon Coast Council for the Arts | 1984 | Victor Atiyeh | Newport | Arts leadership | Organization |
| Oregon School of Arts and Crafts | 1993 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Craft leadership & advocacy | Organization |
| Oregon Symphony Association | 1978 | Robert Straub | Portland | Artistic excellence | Organization |
| Pentacle Theatre | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Salem | 50th anniversary of community theatre | Organization |
| Peter Britt Festivals | 1978 | Robert Straub | Jacksonville | | Organization |
| Portland Center for the Visual Arts | 1985 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Arts programs & advocacy | Organization |
| Portland General Electric & the PGE Foundation | 2001 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Corporate arts supporters | Organization |
| Portland Museum School | 1977 | Robert Straub | Portland | | Organization |
| Portland Opera | 2017 | Kate Brown | Portland | Organization | Organization |
| Salem Art Association | 1982 | Victor Atiyeh | Salem | Arts programming | Organization |
| Salem-Keizer Public School District Music Programs | 2001 | John Kitzhaber | Salem | Exemplary music education | Organization |
| The Art Gym, Marylhurst University | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Marylhurst | Contemporary arts exhibition and publication | Organization |
| The James F. and Marion Miller Foundation | 2017 | Kate Brown | Salem | Philanthropy | Organization |
| U.S. National Bank of Oregon | 1988 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Arts supporter | Organization |
| US West Communications | 1989 | Neil Goldschmidt | Statewide | Corporate arts supporter | Organization |
| Will Vinton Studios | 1983 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Animators & developers of Claymation | Organization |
| Young Audiences of Oregon | 1979 | Victor Atiyeh | | Arts education programs | Organization |

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| | Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Arts leadership | Organization |
| Alice Norris | | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Oregon City | Arts & culture advocate | Individual |
| Allen Nause | Artists Repertory Theatre | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Artistic director | Individual |
| Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. (d) | | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Joseph | Historian & writer | Individual |
| Amy Bedford (d) | | 1988 | Neil Goldschmidt | Pendleton | Newspaper editor, community leader & arts patron | Individual |
| Arlene Schnitzer (d) | | 1987 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Arts patron | Individual |
| Arvie Smith | | 2017 | Kate Brown | Portland | Lifetime Achievement; painter | Individual |
| Barry Lopez | | 1990 | Neil Goldschmidt | Seal Rock | Writer | Individual |
| Betty (d) and John (d) Gray | | 1983 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Arts patrons | Individual |
| Betty Feves (d) | | 1977 | Robert Straub | Pendleton | Ceramicist & violinist | Individual |
| Betty LaDuke | Southern Oregon University | 1993 | Barbara Roberts | Ashland | Painter, teacher, writer | Individual |
| Bonnie Merrill | | 1994 | Barbara Roberts | Oregon City | Choreographer | Individual |
| Bridget McCarthy | | 1983 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Crafts advocate & cultural tourism consultant; previous director of Oregon College of Art & Craft | Individual |
| C. Norman (d) and Dolores (d) Winningstad | | 1997 | John Kitzhaber | Newport | Arts patrons | Individual |
| Carl Morris (d) | | 1985 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Painter | Individual |
| Carla Perry | Writers on the Edge | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Newport | Founder | Individual |
| Carol (d) and John (d) Hampton | | 2002 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Arts patrons & leaders | Individual |
| Chris and Tom Neilsen | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Salem | Arts leaders & volunteers | Individual |
| Dan Pavillard (d) | | 2001 | John Kitzhaber | Eugene | Community arts leader & patron | Individual |
| Don Davis* | | 1995 | John Kitzhaber | Newport | Former city manager & arts advocate; Ron Schmidt Award for arts leadership and public service | Individual |
| Doris Bounds (d) | | 1986 | Victor Atiyeh | Hermiston | Banker & collector of Native American materials | Individual |

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| Dr. Francis Newton | Portland Art Museum | 1988 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Director | Individual |
| Dr. Gordon Gilkey (d) | | 1984 | Victor Atiyeh | | Printmaker, curator & teacher | Individual |
| Jr. | | 2001 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Arts patron & collector | Individual |
| Dunbar (d) and Jane (d) | | | | | | |
| Carpenter | | 1985 | Victor Atiyeh | Medford | Arts patrons | Individual |
| Edith Feldenheimer (d) | | 1984 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Arts patron | Individual |
| Esther Stutzman | | 2017 | Kate Brown | Yoncalla | Lifetime Achievement; traditional Native American storyteller | Individual |
| Eugene Bennett (d) | BOORA Architects | 2002 | John Kitzhaber | Jacksonville | Visual artist & leader in arts advocate | Individual |
| Florence (d) and William (d) Schneider | Schneider Museum of Arts | 1992 | Barbara Roberts | Ashland | Patrons | Individual |
| Frank Boyden | | 1995 | John Kitzhaber | Otis | Ceramicist, sculptor & printmaker | Individual |
| George Johanson | | 1992 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Painter & printmaker | Individual |
| Gil Seeley | Oregon Repertory Singers | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Artistic director & conductor | Individual |
| Ginevra and James Ralph | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Eugene | Philanthropists & arts leaders | Individual |
| Governor Neil Goldschmidt | | 1991 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Advocacy for the arts Arts patronage & support of arts scholarship funds | Individual |
| Hallie Brown Ford (d) | | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Salem | Artist | Individual |
| Henk Pander | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Artist | Individual |
| Hilda Morris (d) | | 1985 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Sculptor | Individual |
| Hilmar Grondahl (d) | The Oregonian | 1977 | Robert Straub | | Longtime music critic | Individual |
| Hope Pressman | | 1980 | Victor Atiyeh | Eugene | Arts patron | Individual |
| Howard and Jean Vollum (d) | | 1981 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Supporters | Individual |
| James DePriest | Oregon Symphony | 1989 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Music director & conductor | Individual |
| James Lavadour | Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts | 1994 | Barbara Roberts | Pendleton | Artist & founder | Individual |
| Jan Zach (d) | | 1981 | Victor Atiyeh | Eugene | Sculptor | Individual |
| Jerry Turner | Oregon Shakespeare Festival | 1991 | Barbara Roberts | Ashland | Artistic director | Individual |

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| Shipley | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Arts patrons | Individual |
| John Alvord | | 1989 | Neil Goldschmidt | Eugene | Arts patron | Individual |
| John Brombaugh | | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Springfield | Organ builder | Individual |
| John Frohmayer* | National Endowment for the Arts | 1993 | Barbara Roberts | Corvallis | Former NEA chair; Ron Schmidt Award for arts leadership and public service | Individual |
| John, Linda and Pauline Shelk | | 1998 | John Kitzhaber | Powell Butte; Prineville | Arts patrons | Individual |
| Jordan Schnitzer | | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Philanthropists & cultural leader | Individual |
| Ken Kesey (d) | | 1987 | Neil Goldschmidt | Pleasant Hill | Fiction writer | Individual |
| Kim Stafford | Northwest Writing Insitutie | 1998 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Poet & director | Individual |
| Kristy Edmunds | Portland Institute of Contemporary Arts | 2002 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Artist & founder | Individual |
| LaVerne Krause (d) | | 1980 | Victor Atiyeh | Eugene | Painter/printmaker | Individual |
| Lawson Inada | | 1997 | John Kitzhaber | Ashalnd | Poet & mult-cultural educator | Individual |
| Lee Freed | | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Lincoln City | Leader & advocate for arts education | Individual |
| Lee Kelly | | 1987 | Neil Goldschmidt | Oregon City | Sculptor | Individual |
| Leonard Duboff | Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts | 1990 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | | Individual |
| LeRoy Setziol (d) | | 1988 | Neil Goldschmidt | Sheridan | Wood sculptor | Individual |
| Lillian Pitt | | 1990 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Native American artist & maskmaker | Individual |
| Lloyd Reynolds (d) | Reed College | 1978 | Robert Straub | Portland | Professor, humanist & calligrapher | Individual |
| Lorie Baxter | | 1999 | John Kitzhaber | Pendleton | Community arts leaders | Individual |
| Louis Bunce (d) | | 1978 | Robert Straub | Portland | WPA painter | Individual |
| Manuel Izquierdo (d) | | 1991 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Sculptor & art teacher | Individual |
| Margery Hoffman Smith (d) | Timberline Lodge | 1979 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Interior designer | Individual |
| Maribeth Collins | | 1978 | Robert Straub | Portland | Arts patron | Individual |

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| Marjorie Wintermute (d) | Fellow of American Institute of Architects | 1997 | John Kitzhaber | | Architect and founder of Architects in Schools Programs | Individual |
| Mary Dodds Schlick | | 1998 | John Kitzhaber | Parkdale | Writer & basketmaker | Individual |
| Mason Williams | | 1990 | Neil Goldschmidt | Eugene | Musician | Individual |
| Maynard White Owl Lavadour | | 1997 | John Kitzhaber | Pendleton | Plateau style beadworker and master artist | Individual |
| Mel Brown | | 2002 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Jazz musician & community arts leader | Individual |
| Mel Katz | | 1999 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Sculptor | Individual |
| Michele Russo (d) | | 1979 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Painter & arts activist | Individual |
| Mike Lindberg* | | 1994 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Portland city commissioner & arts advocate; Ron Schmidt Award for arts leadership and public service | Individual |
| Monford Orloff (d) | | 1982 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Arts patron & supporter | Individual |
| Nancy Lindburg | | 1995 | John Kitzhaber | Salem | Visual artist & former public administrator | Individual |
| Norman Leyden | Oregon Symphony | 1991 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Associate conductor | Individual |
| Obo Addy (d) | | 1993 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | African drummer and performer | Individual |
| Pamela Hulse Andrews | | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Bend | Arts publisher | Individual |
| Pat Courtney Gold | | 2001 | John Kitzhaber | Scappoose | Native basketweaver | Individual |
| Pietro Belluschi (d) | | 1986 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Architect | Individual |
| Rachael Griffin (d) | Portland Art Museum | 1982 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Curator & arts activist | Individual |
| Ray Atkeson (d) | | 1986 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Photographer | Individual |
| Raymond Trayle | | 1997 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Maker of fine art presses | Individual |
| Representative Betsy Johnson | | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Scappoose | Arts & culture advocate | Individual |
| Representative Tony Van Vliet* | | 1996 | John Kitzhaber | Corvallis | Percent for art advocate; Ron Schmidt Award for arts leadership and public service | Individual |
| Richard L. Hay | | 1989 | Neil Goldschmidt | Ashland | Set & costume designer | Individual |
| Richard Louis Brown | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Collector & arts patron | Individual |
| Richard Rowland | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Astoria | Ceramicist & educator | Individual |

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| Roger Hull | | 1999 | John Kitzhaber | Salem, Keizer | Art historian, scholar & professor | Individual |
| Ruth Dobson | Portland State University | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Founder of the opera program | Individual |
| Sally Haley (d) | | 1989 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Painter | Individual |
| Sally Lawrence | Pacific Northwest College of Arts | 1999 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | President | Individual |
| Sandra Miller | | 2001 | John Kitzhaber | Bend | Community arts leader | Individual |
| Selina Ottum (d) | Metropolitan Arts Commission | 1990 | Neil Goldschmidt | Portland | Arts administrator | Individual |
| Shannon Applegate | | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | Yoncalla | Writer & lecturer | Individual |
| Sharon Morgan | | 2006/2007 | Ted Kulongoski | McMinnville | Advocate for arts education | Individual |
| Sondra Pearlman | Oregon Children's Theatre | 2003 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Founder & producer | Individual |
| Tad Savinar | | 1998 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Visual artist & writer | Individual |
| Terence O'Donnell (d) | | 1995 | John Kitzhaber | Portland | Writer & historian | Individual |
| The Honorable Bill Morrisette | | 1998 | John Kitzhaber | Springfield | Mayor of Springfield | Individual |
| The Honorable Lenn Hannon (d)* | | 1999 | John Kitzhaber | Ashland | Ron Schmidt Award for arts leadership and public service | Individual |
| The Honorable Vera Katz (d)* | | 2004/2005 | Ted Kulongoski | Portland | Ron Schmidt Award for arts leadership and public service | Individual |
| Tom Hardy | | 1986 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Sculptor | Individual |
| Tomas Svoboda | | 1992 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Composer | Individual |
| Ursula K. LeGuin (d) | | 1981 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Science fiction writer | Individual |
| Virginia Haseltine (d) | | 1985 | Victor Atiyeh | | Arts patron & collector of Northwest art | Individual |
| William Bloodgood | Oregon Shakespeare Festival | 2002 | John Kitzhaber | Ashland | Scenic designer | Individual |
| William Jamison (d) | | 1992 | Barbara Roberts | Portland | Gallery owner & arts advocate | Individual |
| William Patton (d) | Oregon Shakespeare Festival | 1993 | Barbara Roberts | Ashland | Artistic director | Individual |
| William Stafford (d) | | 1982 | Victor Atiyeh | Portland | Oregon's first Poet Laureate | Individual |