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CITY OF BEAVERTON PRESENTS ANNUAL ART AWARDS

BEAVERTON, Ore. –The City of Beaverton’s Arts Program will present the 2016 Outstanding Achievement in the Arts Awards during the Beaverton City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. at The Beaverton Building, 12725 SW Millikan Way. Students will be recognized for their outstanding artistic achievements. Individuals, organizations, and businesses will be honored for their significant contributions to the arts.

2016 Annual Award Recipients

These winning individuals, organizations, and businesses were nominated by their peers and selected by the Beaverton Arts Commission (BAC) Board of Directors. They are being recognized for their important contributions to local and regional arts.

- BAC President’s Award – Brian Rogers, Executive Director of Oregon Arts Commission and Oregon Cultural Trust
- Art in the Marketplace Award – Beaverton Civic Theatre
- Art Partners of the Year Award – HomePlate Youth Services
- Arts & Culture Excellence Award – Tina Arth and Darrell Baker (posthumously)
- Business of the Year Award – Washington County Visitors Association
- Art Supporter of the Year – Beaverton City Library
- Partner in Arts Education Award –Michael Johnson, Principal of Arts & Communication Magnet Academy (ACMA)
- Outstanding Art Instructor – Kenneth Bischoff, Westview High School
- Art Leadership Award – Global Art of Dance Studio (Myong-Hui Murphy and Lisa Chang)

Global Art of Dance Studios/Hula Halau Ohana Holo'oko'a has been awarded a \$1000 grant from the Beaverton Intercultural Council (BIC). The group has been selected to perform at the 2016 Cheonan World Dance Festival held in Beaverton’s sister city, Cheonan, South Korea. This is the first time a dance group from Beaverton has applied and been invited to participate at the annual festival.

2016 Scholarship Recipients

Student honorees were recommended by their teachers, selected by an arts education panel, and approved by the BAC Board of Directors. Ten students will receive scholarships sponsored by the Beaverton Arts & Culture Foundation and Southminster Presbyterian Church Celebration of Creativity.

Outstanding High School Visual Art Students

- Bailey Volchok, Westview High School
- Blain Radford, ACMA
- Samuel Garnett, Beaverton High School
- Allysa Murphy, Aloha High School

- Jacqueline Lu, Sunset High School
- Justin Rostad, Aloha High School

Outstanding High School Performing Art Students

- Elizabeth Reynaud, Jesuit High School
- Emma Younger, ACMA
- Ian Schipper, Westview High School
- Aidan Burns, ACMA

ABOUT BEAVERTON INTERCULTURAL COUNCIL

The Beaverton Intercultural Council (BIC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit, provides supplemental funding of activities on behalf of the Beaverton Sister Cities Program, while broadening the scope of intercultural activities in Beaverton. The council's mission is to foster intercultural understanding in Beaverton's diverse community through international cultural, educational and economic activities.

ABOUT BEAVERTON ARTS PROGRAM

The City of Beaverton's Arts Program contributes significantly to the quality of life in Beaverton by presenting events, activities, and services that celebrate community values and help connect residents to their artistic and cultural heritage. Through public art opportunities, artist workshops, grants, and unique calls to artists, the arts program fosters a collaborative environment where arts and culture can flourish. To learn more about the arts program, visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Arts.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as one of the **safest cities** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press with cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city's award-winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Silver Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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Caption: The city's arts programs and Hello Neighbor, through a generous grant provided by The Nike Community Impact Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation, collaborated with HomePlate Youth Services to bring photojournalism classes to the Wednesday drop-in space at Merlo Station High School. The Hello Neighbor project is on display through the end of June. HomePlate is receiving the Art Partners of the Year Award. *(Photo/City of Beaverton)*