

# 2008 Massachusetts Arts Education Committee Awards

*Call for Nominations  
April 23, 2008 Deadline*

Distinguished Arts Educators  
Schools of Excellence  
Excellence in School Administration  
Massachusetts School Committee Arts in Education  
Outstanding Parent Advocate  
Outstanding Artist-in-Residence/Cultural Institution  
Outstanding Community Arts Collaborative  
Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education

*The Massachusetts Arts Education Committee Awards* honor individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to arts education and continue to make strides toward the goal of high quality arts education for every child in Massachusetts.

From 1984 through 2007, the Massachusetts Alliance for Arts Education recognized over 150 teachers and arts advocates in our schools and communities for their accomplishments educating students and for supporting arts education. The Massachusetts Arts Education Committee of the National Arts & Learning Collaborative seeks to continue this important recognition of those who support arts education. Self-nominations are encouraged.

**MAEC Awards will be presented at Lesley University at 12:30 p.m. on May 29, 2008.**

Please share this information with Arts Teachers, Principals, School Committees, Arts Advocates, Local Cultural Institutions/Community Arts Programs and Parent/Teacher Organizations.

Supported by the National Arts & Learning Collaborative and the Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education.



Nomination information  
available online:  
[www.artslearning.org](http://www.artslearning.org)

# Award Categories

## **Distinguished Arts Educators**

To honor arts educators for (1) superior teaching and interdisciplinary planning, (2) creation of model arts programs and partnerships, (3) use of Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework and National Arts Standards, (4) use of arts and cultural resources, (5) support of opportunities for multicultural learning, (6) demonstrated leadership in promoting arts education and building community support, and (7) incorporation of the arts into overall school/district education reform efforts. One award is made annually in each of the four disciplines (Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts).

## **Schools of Excellence**

To recognize individual schools that have done an outstanding job of making the arts an essential part of education by (1) teaching the arts as specific disciplines, (2) making strong interdisciplinary connections between the arts and other subjects, (3) promoting imaginative learning environments through hands-on, creative arts-based activities both within and outside the classroom, (4) creating model arts programs and partnerships, (5) using Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework and National Arts Standards, and (6) providing opportunities for multicultural learning through the arts.

## **Excellence in School Administration**

To honor a school administrator for (1) support for, and commitment to high-quality arts education programs, (2) leadership in promoting arts education and building community support, (3) incorporation of the arts into overall school/district education reform efforts, and (4) support of opportunities for multicultural learning. The recipient will be an active advocate for the arts and show outstanding leadership and rapport with students, teachers, parents, and the community.

## **Massachusetts School Committee Arts in Education**

For a school committee that (1) demonstrates long-term support for, and commitment to high quality arts education in its school district, community, state, or special jurisdiction, (2) shows evidence of incorporation of all arts into its local educational reform efforts, including the National Arts Standards, the Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework, and the adoption of local arts standards, (3) demonstrates leadership in promoting arts education and building community support, and (4) creating opportunities for multicultural learning.

## **Outstanding Parent Advocate**

To honor a parent or parent organization for demonstrating outstanding support for the arts and working to improve arts education in schools and community by (1) demonstrating leadership in promoting arts education and building community support, (2) incorporating the arts into overall school/district reform efforts, and (3) supporting opportunities for multicultural learning.

## **Outstanding Artist-in-Residence/Cultural Institution**

To honor an artist-in-resident or cultural institution whose programs promote excellence in arts instruction and stimulate community support by demonstrating (1) models of partnership with schools, other cultural institutions, and/or the business community, (2) superior teaching and interdisciplinary planning, (3) incorporation of arts into local educational reform efforts, including the use of Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework and National Arts Standards, and (4) opportunities for multicultural learning.

## **Outstanding Community Arts Collaborative**

For arts educators who have developed a model arts collaborative between school and community cultural resources. Recipients show evidence of (1) superior teaching and interdisciplinary planning, (2) professional involvement and leadership beyond the classroom, (3) incorporation of arts into local educational reform efforts, including the use of Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework and National Arts Standards, (4) stimulation of community support, (5) providing opportunities for multicultural learning, and (5) ability to communicate effectively about the arts.

## **Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education**

To honor a business or corporation in Massachusetts that has demonstrated (1) extensive financial, technical, and promotional support of the arts, (2) cultural and artistic events, (3) support of opportunities for multicultural learning, and (4) arts education in specific communities or throughout the State.

# Bring State Recognition to Your Program Self-Nominations are Encouraged

## Required Nomination Materials

The following awards: **Distinguished Arts Educators, Excellence in School Administration, Outstanding Parent Advocate, Outstanding Artist-in-Residence/Cultural Institution, Outstanding Arts Collaborative Corporate/ Business Support of Arts Education** require:

1. Application for Nomination cover form.
2. A one page narrative on topics listed below\*
3. Three supporting documents: (ex. brochures or articles related to your work, up to six digital photographs highlighting student accomplishments\*, up to five minutes of digital video or audio file of student's or own work\*, letters of support) **Please note: Materials can not be returned**
4. Two letters of recommendation from:
  - School Superintendent
  - Arts Administrator or Supervisor
  - Persons knowledgeable about your teaching, program, or service to arts education
  - Please e-mail all digital files to [info@artslearning.org](mailto:info@artslearning.org) or indicate in your application the website address where they can be found.

*\*Narrative topics for each award are as follows:*

### **Distinguished Arts Educators Award**

1. Describe one classroom experience exemplifying best teaching practices.
2. Describe one lesson showing integration of an arts discipline with other disciplines.
3. Describe one activity beyond the classroom that encourages professional growth through the incorporation of the arts into teachers' lives.

### **Excellence in School Administration**

1. Describe your current school arts program. Detail how your leadership has strengthened arts education in your school(s). Give evidence of this leadership, including budgetary information, staffing, materials, facilities, curricula, and professional development. Indicate how arts programs have scheduling parity with other subjects.
2. Describe your active advocacy for the arts in your school and community and your ability to communicate effectively about arts education.
3. Give examples of your leadership and rapport with various constituents in your school community (ex. students, parents, teachers, arts/cultural/community organizations).

### **Outstanding Parent Advocate**

1. Describe the current school arts program. Detail how you have strengthened arts education in your school(s). Give evidence of your leadership (ex. financial, political, and/or organizational support to arts organizations in your school).
2. Describe your active advocacy for the arts in your school and community and your ability to communicate effectively about arts education.
3. Give examples of your leadership and rapport with various constituents in your school community (ex. students, teachers, parents, and arts/cultural/community organizations).

### **Outstanding Artist-in-Resident/Cultural Institution Award**

1. Describe your organization's mission and programs. Describe in detail one or two partnering projects you have done with schools, other cultural institutions, and/or the business community.
2. Describe your advocacy for the arts in your community and how you have generated community-wide support.
3. Describe how you have assessed the success of your instruction over past years, and detail how you have provided learning experiences for a wide range of learners.
4. Give evidence of sound fiscal and administrative management over the past several years and include a current operating budget.

### **Outstanding Arts Collaborative Award**

1. Summarize the collaborative program.
2. Describe the need(s) addressed in the development of the program.
3. Describe how the program has given participants (student and/or adult) greater involvement in the arts.
4. Describe changes, such as curriculum development and budget allocation, which have occurred as a result of this program.

### **Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education Award**

1. Give a history of your business and how you became involved in support of arts education. Indicate and describe specific programs that you have assisted (domain of art such as dance, music, visual, theater, audience age level, etc.)
2. Indicate your financial, technical, and/or promotional support of arts education locally or statewide.
3. Describe your active advocacy for the arts and the ability to communicate effectively about the role of arts education in your community.
4. Describe your sponsorship of cultural and artistic events, community cultural institutions, resources, and/or arts education.

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For the **School Committee Arts in Education Award** and the **Schools of Excellence Award**:  
*please contact* MAEC at [info@artslearning.org](mailto:info@artslearning.org) or 508-650-5044 *to obtain these specific nomination packets.*

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**Return all nomination materials (form, narrative, letters, and attachments) to:**

Massachusetts Arts Education Committee  
c/o National Arts & Learning Collaborative  
12 Highland Street  
Natick, MA 01760

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# Application for Awards Nomination

## Cover Form

Deadline: April 23, 2008

Please type nomination materials. Thank You!

### Nominee Information

Name of Nominee or Institution

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Nominee's Position or Title

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Institution (*if different from above*)

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Phone

Fax

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E-mail

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Name of District State Senator

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### Nominator Information

Name of nominator (*if different than nominee*)

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Title

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Organization

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Address

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City

State

Zip

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Phone

Fax

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E-mail

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### Award Category

(Please check only ONE category per application)

Distinguished Arts Educators (check art domain): Dance Music Theater Visual Art

Schools of Excellence\*

Excellence in School Administration

Massachusetts School Committee Arts in Education\*

Outstanding Parent Advocate

Outstanding Artist-in-Residence/Cultural Institution

Distinguished Community Arts Collaborative

Corporate/Business Support of Arts Education

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*Please complete the appropriate section below*

**Distinguished Arts Educators & Excellence in School Administration**

Total years of teaching/administrative experience

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Total years at institution listed above

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Supervisor's name

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Superintendent's name

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List of professional arts and community organizations in which nominees are an active member  
*(Include the offices and responsibilities held)*

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**Outstanding Artist-in-Residence/Cultural Institution  
& Outstanding Arts Collaborative**

Year institution/organization was founded

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2006-2007 Annual budget

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Executive Director's name

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Chief Financial Officer's name

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List the collaboratives/partnerships in which this organization has participated during the past five years  
*(Include the partnering organizations name, contact person and phone number, and the title of the project.)*

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**Attach this completed form to the top of your application.**  
call 1-508-650-5044 or e-mail [info@artslearning.org](mailto:info@artslearning.org) for more information