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NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR “MAYOR’S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS” PROGRAM
Nominations for Three Categories Due August 2, 2010

Mayor Brian Blad is seeking nominations for the “Mayor’s Awards for the Arts” program. This program recognizes individuals and businesses that actively support or are directly involved in the arts in the greater Pocatello area.

“Pocatello is fortunate that art is a big part of our community and that we have incredible people and corporations supporting and participating in art,” said Mayor Blad. “We have the opportunity to do things such as attend performances at the Stephens Performing Arts Center, watch community theater, visit art galleries and see art in public spaces. These things are all made possible by the artists, as well as the individuals and companies who support them.”

Citizens are invited to submit nominations to help identify individuals and companies that should be honored for their contributions. The categories are:

- individual award,
- corporate award, or
- lifetime achievement award.

Nominations must include reasons why the individual or business should be recognized, as well as the current address and telephone number of the nominator for contact purposes. Nominations are due August 2, 2010, and can be mailed to P. O. Box 4169, Pocatello, Idaho 83205; faxed to 234-6297; or e-mailed to mayor@pocatello.us.

Recipients will be honored at the 2010 Art for Food Celebration scheduled for October 14, 2010. This event is an evening dedicated to art, and new this year is a “Can it be Art?” competition. Go to the “news releases” section at www.pocatello.us for more information.

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Media Note: Past recipients of the “Mayor’s Awards for the Arts” are:

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

2002

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Beverly Bistline, Dr. Allen Blomquist and Joy Morrison
Individual Award – Jesse Robison
Corporate Award – Cable One

2003

Lifetime Achievement Award – Gene and Dorcus Lemmon
Individual Award – Rva Hanson
Corporate Award – J.R. Simplot Company

2004

Lifetime Achievement Award – Hazel Cox
Individual Award – Doug Warnock
Corporate Awards – Farm Bureau Insurance and Varsity Contractors, Inc.

2005

Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. Thom Ritter George
Individual Award – Hank Gonzalez
Corporate Awards – Idaho State University and School District #25

2006

Lifetime Achievement Award – Joseph A. Willes
Individual Award – Janette Stanek
Corporate Awards – Pocatello Arts Council and Cushman's Arts & Crafts

2007

Lifetime Achievement Award – Pocatello Arts Center
Individual Awards – Vicky Mainzer and Lori Piccolo
Corporate Award – Old Town Pocatello, Inc.

2008

Individual Awards – JD Adcox and Linda Wolfe
Corporate Awards – Pocatello Rotary Club and Walrus & Carpenter Books

2009

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Sister Dorothy Prokes and Dr. JoAn Dilweg
Individual Award – Anne Merkley
Corporate Awards – Gate City Fine Arts Gallery and Brindusa-Moore Ballet Academy