



Agenda
Arts Commission Workshop Meeting
Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Richland Community Center
500 Amon Park Drive

Committee Members: Chair Richardson, Vice-Chair Rice, and Members Forbes, Reyna, and Staven

Liaisons: Council Liaison: Whitten
Staff Liaison: Piper

Regular Workshop - 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order/Attendance:

Council Liaison Report:

Commissioner Comments:

Discussion Items:

1. STAR Award Nominations
2. Bernard Hosey Sculpture "On the Edge" Location Ideas
3. Queensgate Sculpture Update
4. RAC Annual Presentation to Council Preparation
5. Current Vacancies & Recruitment

Adjournment

Individuals who have difficulty attending the meeting in-person may request to provide comments remotely. (Ch. 42.30 RCW) Requests for sign interpreters, audio equipment, and/or other special services must be received 48 hours before the meeting by calling the City Clerk's Office at 509-942-7389.

2023 STAR Award Nominations

		Nominated by	Nominee - Organization	Organization Contact Person	Letter?	Attachments?	
	Organization	Meggan Tjarks	Academy of Children's Theater	Anne Spilman	Yes	Yes	
	Organization	Gregg Andrews	Academy of Children's Theatre	Anne Spliman	Yes	Yes	
	Organization	josh Darby	The Academy of Children's Theatre	Anne Spilman	Yes	Yes	
	Organization	Ellicia Elliott	Music Together Tri-Cities	Jana Hair	Yes	Yes	
		Nominated by	Nominee - Individual		Letter?	Attachments?	
	Individual	Ben Soden	Brandie Saint-Claire		Yes	Yes	
	Individual	Sarah Wolcott	Jana Hair		Yes	Yes	
	Individual	Ellicia Elliott	Ted Miller		Yes	Yes	



2023 STAR Award

City of Richland

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Jan 9, 2024, 11:36AM PST

Nominator's/Your Name	First Name: Meggan Last Name: Tjarks
Nominator's/Your Phone Number	951-265-2434
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Are you nominating an individual or organization?	Organization
Which organization are you nominating?	Academy of Children's Theater
Nominated Organization Contact Person	First Name: Anne Last Name: Spilman
Nominated Organization's Phone Number	509-521-7738
Nominated Organization Email	annespilman@gmail.com
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
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January 9, 2024

Richland Arts Commission
625 Swift Blvd
Richland, WA 99352

Dear Richland Arts Commission,

I am writing to wholeheartedly recommend the Academy of Children's Theater (ACT) for the 2023 STAR (Supporting The Arts in Richland) Award. As parent and current board member for ACT, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the remarkable dedication and exceptional contributions that ACT has made in support of the arts in Richland.

ACT has consistently demonstrated an unwavering commitment to fostering the arts community in Richland, Washington. Their passion for the arts is palpable, and their tireless efforts have significantly enriched the cultural landscape of our community. Whether through main stage productions, weekend workshops or their new preschool program, ACT has consistently gone above and beyond to promote, advocate for, and elevate the arts in Richland.

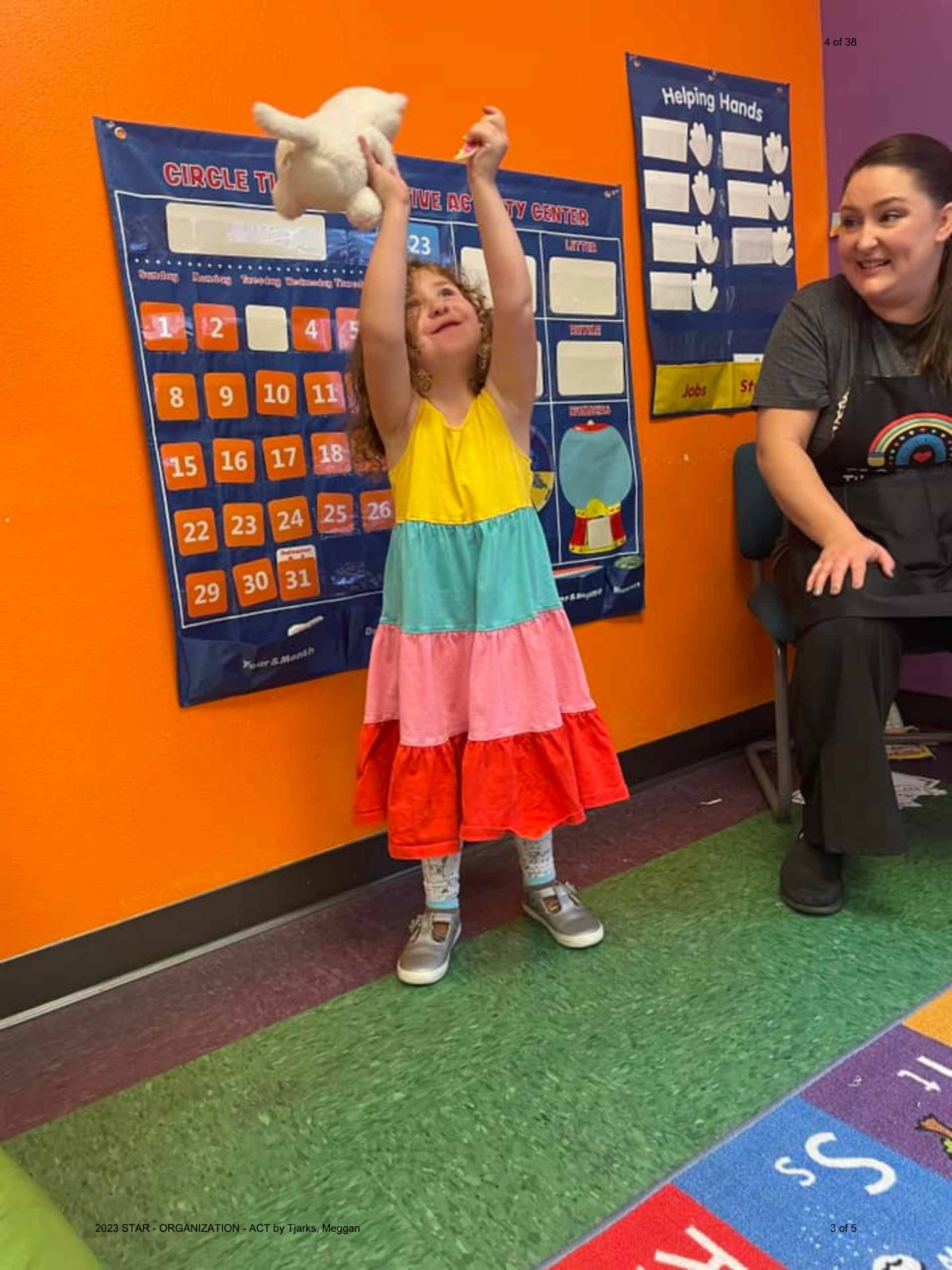
One of the most impressive aspects of ACT's contributions is their ability to bring families together. Through their leadership, they have forged meaningful collaborations between artists, organizations, and community members, creating a more cohesive and vibrant arts community in Richland. ACT's ability to inspire and mobilize youth and community members is truly commendable.

It is not only the scale of ACT's contributions that makes them deserving of the STAR Award but also the positive and lasting impact they have had on the local arts scene. ACT is a driving force behind the cultural growth and vitality of Richland, and their influence is felt far and wide.

I wholeheartedly endorse ACT for the 2023 STAR Award, confident that their dedication and passion for the arts will continue to shape and inspire our community for years to come. ACT is an exceptional candidate, and I believe that recognizing their efforts with this award would be a fitting tribute to their outstanding contributions to Supporting The Arts in Richland.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. If you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Meggan Tjarks









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Nominator's/Your Phone Number	509 539 0246
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Are you nominating an individual or organization?	Organization
Which organization are you nominating?	Academy of Children's Theatre
Nominated Organization Contact Person	First Name: Anne Last Name: Spliman
Nominated Organization's Phone Number	509 943 6027
Nominated Organization Email	info@actstaff.org
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
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Recommendation

January 9, 2023

Richland Arts Commission

Attention: Julie Piper

City of Richland

625 Swift Blvd, MS-13

Richland, WA 99352

Dear Ms. Piper:

I've nominated the ACADEMY OF CHILDREN'S THEATRE (ACT) for the Richland STAR Award because of the long-standing contributions ACT has made to the community's youth and young adults.

ACT offers a number of forums for participants to engage in performing arts. From classes on acting offered throughout the year to opportunities in other performing areas such as directing, lighting, stage managing, etc. to sponsoring school programs to performing in live productions given throughout the year. In 2023 such productions as *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, *A Kick of to Christmas*, *Winnie-The-Pooh: A Christmas Tail*, etc. were available to the community.

My wife and I have been to several productions and are always very impressed with the level of professionalism of the productions, and the various ages groups that are involved in the production.

I can't think of a more fitting organization that deserves this award.

Gregg Andrews

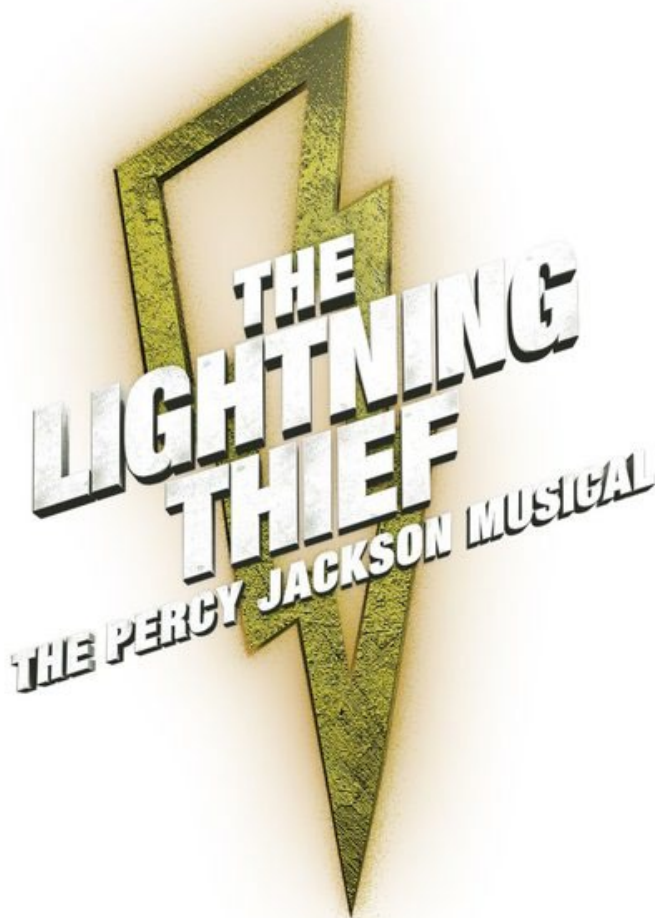
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Examples

Below are a couple of example productions ACT has put in 2023. Other examples are shown on the ACT website (<https://www.academyofchildrenstheatre.org/>) under Productions.



The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

10.6-8.2023 10.13-15.2023

As the half-blood son of a Greek god, Percy Jackson has newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail. When Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen and Percy becomes the prime suspect, he has to find and return the bolt to prove his innocence and prevent a war between the gods.

But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the thief. He must travel to the Underworld and back; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and come to terms with the father who abandoned him.

Adapted from the best-selling book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is an action-packed mythical adventure "worthy of the gods" (Time Out New York).



Winnie-The-Pooh: A Christmas Tail

12.8-10.2023 12.15-17.2023

A very special Friend-and-Relation tells Christopher Robin a story of a Christmas Eve very long ago (about last year) when Eeyore, the old gray donkey who lives by himself in the thistle corner of Hundred-Acre Wood, was absolutely miserable. It seems that he lost his tail and Winnie-the-Pooh and Piglet got all of their friends and a search was organized.

There is a great deal of fun and excitement, plus delightful songs, in the adventure that follows. Its theme, which concerns caring, sharing and the importance of cultivating friends, makes this a very special and enchanting musical suitable for any occasion.



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Nominator's/Your Name	First Name: josh Last Name: Darby
Nominator's/Your Phone Number	5094609543
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Are you nominating an individual or organization?	Organization
Which organization are you nominating?	The Academy of Children's Theatre
Nominated Organization Contact Person	First Name: Anne Last Name: Spilman
Nominated Organization's Phone Number	5099436027
Nominated Organization Email	info@actstaff.org
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
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I am happy to nominate The Academy of Children's Theatre for this year's Star Award. As an organization they serve the children and families of Richland, Kennewick, Pasco and the lower Columbia Basin. ACT's camps, classes, productions, and programs are designed to help students learn theatre arts in a safe, creative, and cooperative environment. Theatre provides opportunities for students to learn skills they will need to take with them throughout their life including public speaking, problem solving, critical analysis, and teamwork. Beyond our in-house program ACT reaches out to many schools and other non-profit organizations to help aid their missions. This passed year ACT has worked in Richland Police Department, The Hub of Kennewick, The Family Expo, PRIDE Festival, and The Chocolate Festival. ACT has also partnered with other Richland Arts Organizations such as The Mid-Columbia Symphony, Tri-City Academy of Ballet, and the Mid-Columbia Master singers. Over the passed calendar ACT started it's first in house after school drama club with Orchard Elementary. For all these reasons and many, many more I am proud to nominate ACT as the 2024 Star Arts Organization of the year.











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Nominator's/Your Email	ellicia.m.elliott@gmail.com
Are you nominating an individual or organization?	Organization
Which organization are you nominating?	Music Together Tri-Cities
Nominated Organization Contact Person	First Name: Jana Last Name: Hair
Nominated Organization's Phone Number	509-627-8522
Nominated Organization Email	musictogether.jana@gmail.com
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
Upload File(s) Here:	STAR Organization Nomination 2023.pdf

January 9, 2024

I am honored to nominate Music Together Tri-Cities for the City of Richland's 2023 STAR Award for an Organization.

Music Together Tri-Cities is run by Jana Hair and helps "create musical families one infant, toddler & big kid at a time. We support them by building connections & community." This is more than just a "Mommy and Me" music class. Parents and guardians can begin music classes when their child is an infant, and continue to take quarterly lessons up to the age of eight.

The classes meet at the Richland Community Center, multiple times during the week. Along with the regular, tuition based classes, Jana organizes free music sing-alongs at Howard Amon Park and the Richland Public Library.

Music Together Tri-Cities contributes to the arts in Richland by volunteering at multiple events, including the City of Richland's Christmas Celebration and Dive Into Summer Celebration, the Mom Walk Co., and different child-focused charity walks.

Music Together Tri-Cities ensures everyone who wants to learn music, can. Different class options are available, including inside and outside for those that need more space (especially since Covid). Jana ensures everyone in the class is comfortable and has what they need (if they need to sit in a chair, if a child needs to move around more because they have ADHD, etc.) Music Together also offers scholarships and other options for those that financially may not be able to pay for the tuition classes but still want their children to experience the joy of music.

I have been taking my son to Music Together Tri-Cities classes since he was six months old. We've now graduated to the "big kid" class, Rhythm Kids, which he can take until he is eight years old. We only have two years left where we'll be able to be a part of Music Together. But it helps knowing every year the joy of music is shared with more and more families in the city of Richland because of Music Together.

Thank you for considering Music Together Tri-Cities for the City of Richland's 2023 STAR Award for an Organization.



Ellicia M. Elliott

From: [Ellicia Elliott](#)
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Hi Julie,

I'm nominating Music Together Tri-Cities for the Organization STAR Award for 2023. I'm having the same issue including links on the nomination form that I did when I filled out the form for Ted Miller. I'm including the links here, in the hopes they can still be included as part of the nomination:

Website: <https://www.musictogethertricity.com/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/music_together_tricity/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/musictogethertricity>

Thank you,
Ellicia Elliott



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Jan 7, 2024, 09:34AM PST

Nominator's/Your Name	First Name: Ben Last Name: Soden
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Who are you nominating?	First Name: Brandie Last Name: Saint-Claire
Individual Nominee's Phone Number	(509) 492-8833
Individual Nominee's Email	brandiestclaire@gmail.com
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
Upload File(s) Here:	STAR Award Nomination Brandie Saint-Claire (Soden).docx

To Ms. Julie Piper, and the Richland Arts Commission,

I would like to place for consideration Mrs. Brandie Soden (formerly Saint-Claire) as a candidate for the 2023 STAR Award. Brandie has been the Director for the Art in the Park Festival for Allied Arts Association since 2021. In the span of three years (ie.3 events), Brandie has increased the festival attendance from 34,000 people to over 71,000. Over 300 unique artists attend the event, showcasing their creations in a variety of mediums. She has created interactive art installations, coordinated sculpture gardens, sought out professional entertainment from a wide variety of musical genre's and kept the festival as a free, open, community centered event where art in all of it's modalities, is celebrated and accessible.

It is important to keep in mind that her effort is 100% volunteer, and she spends over 1600 hours annually on each festival, in addition to working full-time and caring for her ageing parents.

Art in the Park has been a staple within the Tri-Cities for over 73 years, and while it has had popularity in the past, it has never been an event that you have felt you needed to attend annually due to it's repetitive elements. But in a span of three years, Brandie has been able to transform this small, local event into an Art Festival; a festival that greatly enriches the City of Richland, and it's place amongst noteworthy cities in Washington State. Art in the Park Festival was once again nominated for it's second consecutive year as being in the "Top 10 Art Festivals" within the United States.

The URL would not allow me to link the following examples of Brandie's work. Please see the examples of her work, submitted below. Thank you.

YouTube Video's of Art in the Park Festival 2023:

[Facebook](#) Reel of "The Favorite Video" that captures the real vibe of Art in the Park Festival

https://youtu.be/Ylh9IjWlghY?si=8_GgnLsn0ualAFsi

https://youtu.be/rZ8QP_3ogrK?si=iCNtpXimCsfBto1Z

<https://youtu.be/Ced5850cORQ?si=ZiMj9zAh4o83H7KD>

<https://youtu.be/OgcZzDXWbbo?si=FXyK3S7HL13TMbPh>

[ART in the PARK FESTIVAL](#) Official Website



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Nominator's/Your Phone Number	5094926060
Nominator's/Your Email	sarah24lynn@gmail.com
Are you nominating an individual or organization?	Individual
Who are you nominating?	First Name: Jana Last Name: Hair
Individual Nominee's Phone Number	5096278522
Individual Nominee's Email	musictogether.jana@gmail.com
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
Upload File(s) Here:	Jana Hair.docx FB_IMG_1704939728288.jpg

Jana Hair brings the beauty of art to young children and their parents everyday through her business Music Together. Her classes are so much more than just singing (not that, that would be a bad thing), but we also dance, act and play with instruments. She encourages families to enjoy all of the arts.





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Nominator's/Your Phone Number	509-438-2746
Nominator's/Your Email	ellicia.m.elliott@gmail.com
Are you nominating an individual or organization?	Individual
Who are you nominating?	First Name: Ted Last Name: Miller
Individual Nominee's Phone Number	509-521-3449
Individual Nominee's Email	millerted@aol.com
Did you attach the required Letter of Recommendation?:	Yes
Did you attach examples of the artist's work(s)?:	Yes
Upload File(s) Here:	STAR Award Nomination (Individual)- Ted Miller.pdf Ted ACT.jpeg Ted B Reactor.jpeg Ted Mastersingers Concert.jpeg Ted Mastersingers.jpeg Ted Uhaul.jpeg

January 9, 2024

I am thrilled to nominate Ted Miller for the City of Richland's Individual STAR Award for 2023.

I have known Ted for over twenty years, and he has always, always been one of the biggest cheerleaders for the performing arts in Richland. His enthusiasm and pride in our area, and what our city can provide artistically, helps others feel welcome and wanting to get involved.

Ted has been involved in so many different arts groups; mostly behind the scenes (thus why there are only a handful of photos I've attached to this nomination, as he's usually running around and misses the photo ops).

Below are (some) examples of how Ted has supported the arts in Richland. His current contributions are listed first, with additional details and contributions listed as a subtopic.

- **Member of the Mid-Columbia Mastersingers**, promoting music education and performance in our community.
 - Ted served as MCMS' Board President for many years. He continually volunteers his time and transportation to help move all of the equipment for the concerts to the performing arts venues.
 - Helps organize annual concerts, including the historical B Reactor concerts that happen each fall.
- **Events Reporter for Tumbleweird Newspaper**
 - Ted volunteers his time to contact the various arts organizations in Richland (and the rest of the area) and writes articles promoting the different artistic performances, shows, and opportunities that people may otherwise may not know of.
- **Board Member representing Richland for the Washington State Community Theatre Association (WSCTA)**. Through this Board position, Ted ensures the entire theatre community in Washington State is aware of what we're doing in Richland.
 - He helps organize the bi-annual Kaleidoscope Theatre Festival
 - Before serving as a "Member at Large," Ted was the Board President for many years.
- **Volunteer and Actor/Producer/Wherever Help is Needed for the Academy of Children's Theatre (ACT)**
 - Helps organize the annual "Heart for the Arts" gala fundraiser
 - Serves as one of the main forms of communication between ACT and the other performing arts groups in order to find volunteers, donations, etc.
- **Volunteer and Actor/Producer for The Richland Players**
 - Too many to list here, but I can provide an additional list and/or references.
- **Volunteer and Actor/Producer for The Rude Mechanicals**
 - Too many to list here, but I can provide an additional list and/or references.
- **Volunteer and Actor/Producer for Mid-Columbia Musical Theatre (MCMT)**

Ted has been such an important staple in Richland supporting the arts, sometimes on stage, and often behind the scenes. I do not know anyone else who is continuously enthusiastic and collaborative in supporting our local arts community. Thank you for considering Ted Miller for this award.

Ellicia M. Elliott

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Hi Julie,

I am nominating Ted Miller for the Individual STAR Award for 2023.

I tried to include links to some of the articles he's written for Tumbleweird, but for some reason I kept getting an "invalid link" warning when I tried to use the nomination form/page on the City of Richland's website.

I've included them here so you can take a look at them, if you'd like.

Thanks!

<https://tumbleweird.org/rays-returns/>

<https://tumbleweird.org/tri-town-get-down-3/>

<https://tumbleweird.org/rise/>

<https://tumbleweird.org/mozarts-requiem/>

- Ellicia Elliott













ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVERSHEET

Meeting Date: 1/17/2024

Agenda Category: Discussion Items

Prepared By:

Subject:

Bernard Hosey Sculpture "On the Edge" Location Ideas

Department:

Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

Summary:

Attachments:



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Subject:
Current Vacancies & Recruitment

Department:
Parks & Public Facilities

Recommended Motion:

Summary:

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