2023 marks the 24th anniversary of the Phoenix Awards! The Phoenix Awards, given annually by the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, recognize outstanding artistic achievements in the Lawrence community—particularly those that go “above and beyond” and have a lasting impact on the Lawrence Cultural Community. Members of the public are invited to make nominations. Eligible nominees include emerging and established artists working in the visual, literary, musical, theatrical, and media arts. Arts educators, administrators, patrons, supportive entities, advocates, and volunteers are also eligible. Students are not eligible. At the discretion of the Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission, a nominee may be chosen for a special Exceptional Artistic Achievement award.

This year’s awardees will be recognized at a ceremony on October 15th, 2023 at Theater Lawrence.

2023 Nomination Instructions

DEADLINE: Wednesday, May 31st, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Please follow these instructions carefully in preparing the nomination and type the information on separate pages using clearly readable type.

1. Nominee and Nominator
   Please give the name, address, phone, and email for both the Nominee and the Nominator. (Please note that family members are not eligible to nominate other family members and self-nominations are not accepted.

2. Nomination (1-2 pages)
   The narrative of your nomination should address:
   a) Why you believe the nominee deserves the Phoenix Award including a description of the contributions that the nominee has made to the level of excellence in and/or access to the arts in the community.
   b) The breadth and depth of the nominee’s artistic or arts-related activities,

3. Support Materials (submit all three)
   a) A one-page letter of support from someone—other than the nominator or a family member of the nominee—who is well acquainted with the nominee’s work in the arts.
   b) A one page resume, CV or list of the nominee’s achievements in the arts.
   c) No more than three supporting documents of your choice, i.e. newspaper articles, CD’s, websites, additional letters, reviews.

4. Email, Mail or Deliver your completed nomination by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday May 31st, 2023, to:
   awilder@lawrenceks.org

Phoenix Award
City Manager’s Office
6 E. 6th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044

If you have questions about the Phoenix Awards or the nomination process, contact Abby Bush-Wilder at 785.832.3460 or awilder@lawrenceks.org