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# BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES 2021 OBELISK AWARDS HONOREES

**DALLAS**—Twelve North Texas arts and business individuals and organizations will be honored at the  $33^{rd}$  annual Obelisk Awards to be presented by Business Council for the Arts on Wednesday, November 17. noon – 1:30 at The Fairmont Dallas. The Obelisk Award honors businesses, nonprofits, and individuals, for their extraordinary support of arts and culture in North Texas.

## **Co-Chairs and Event Host**

Co-chairs of the 2021 Obelisk Awards are Philip and Rebecca Silvestri, Co-Owners of Local Profile. Rebecca Silvestri will serve as event host.

#### Honorees

2021 Obelisk Award Honorees and their nominators are (in alpha order): **Atmos Energy**, New Initiatives (Large) Nominated by ArtCentre of Plano AT&T Performing Arts Center, Distinguished Cultural Organization Nominated by Billingsley Company Gensler Dallas, New Initiatives (Small) Nominated by Creative Arts Center of Dallas Patty Granville, Juror's Award Nominated by City of Garland Satish Gupta, Arts Philanthropy Nominated by thinkIndia Foundation Cathryn McClellan Kelly, Outstanding Leadership Arts Alumnus Nominated by Rhiannon Martin Kim Noltemy, Visionary Nonprofit Arts Leader Nominated by Capital One North Texas Performing Arts, Arts Education Nominated by Shops at Willow Bend Patron Magazine, Arts Partnerships (Small) Nominated by Nancy Cohen Israel Andy Smith, Business Champion for the Arts Nominated by Dallas Theater Center **Toyota**, Arts Partnerships (Large) Nominated by AT&T Performing Arts Center Ann Williams, Lifetime Achievement Award Nominated by Dallas Black Dance Theatre



## Artists

The program will feature a remarks by Joanna Ridgway, Managing Director of the Southwest Region of Santander Bank, followed by a.performance by Ms. Ridgway and Roberta Rast Smith, a six-time national fiddle champion. Together they perform as a regional fiddle duo under the name June Blount.

Each honoree's award is an original artwork created by Dallas glass artist Polly Gessell, underwritten by the Craig + Kathryn Hall Foundation.

The 2021 Obelisk Awards graphics are a detail of Athor/Laurentia, 2019 by local Dallas artist Zeke Williams, represented by Erin Cluley Gallery.

# Sponsorship

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#### **Business Council for the Arts**

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Attachments included in Email: BCA Logo



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