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## **BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS SALUTES 2019 OBELISK AWARDS FINALISTS**

**DALLAS**—Forty-three North Texas arts organizations, philanthropies, educators, performance groups, and volunteers are finalists for the prestigious Obelisk Awards to be presented by the Business Council for the Arts on Friday, November 15, at a luncheon in the International Ballroom of the Dallas Fairmont.

Katherine Wagner, CEO, said the event marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the awards ceremony originated by the late Raymond Nasher in 1988. BCA encourages, connects and stimulates businesses to support the arts in the region's workplaces, educational institutions and communities.

Seven award categories include: Arts Education, Arts Partnerships (large, medium and small), Business Champion for the Arts, Distinguished Cultural Organization, New Initiatives (large and small), Outstanding Leadership Arts Alumnus, and Visionary Nonprofit Arts Leader. This year will also feature a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Finalists and their nominators include:

### **ARTS EDUCATION**

**410 Line Dancers**, nominated by 410 Line Dancers

**The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation**, nominated by Chamberlain Performing Arts

**Mercury One Foundation**, nominated by Dallas Film Society

### **ARTS PARTNERSHIPS**

**American Airlines** (Large), nominated by The Dallas Opera

**Capital One** (Large), nominated by Dallas Symphony Orchestra

**Frost Bank** (Large), nominated by Harwood International and the Nasher Sculpture Center

**Baylor Scott & White Orthopedic & Spine Hospital at Arlington** (Medium), nominated by Levitt Pavilion

**Emerson** (Medium), nominated by McKinney Performing Arts Center  
**The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation** (Small), nominated by Plano Symphony Orchestra  
**Four Bullets Brewery** (Small), nominated by Arts Incubator of Richardson (AIR)  
**Oversee My IT, LLC** (Small), nominated by Dallas Black Dance Theatre  
**Times Record News** (Small), nominated by Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture

### **BUSINESS CHAMPION FOR THE ARTS**

**Ann & Charles Eisemann**, nominated by City of Richardson  
**Lauren Embrey/Embrey Family Foundation**, nominated by Kitchen Dog Theatre  
**Michael Heinlen/Thompson & Knight**, nominated by The Cedars Union  
**Merrick Porcheddu/Artist Uprising**, nominated by Truss Holdings, In Vivo and Artist Uprising  
**Donald J. Stone**, nominated by Orchestra of New Spain

### **DISTINGUISHED CULTURAL ORGANIZATION**

**ArtCentre of Plano**, nominated by Atmos Energy Corp.  
**The Artist Outreach**, nominated by Donnamarie McGaw  
**Bishop Arts Theatre Center**, nominated by Bishop Arts Theatre Center  
**The Black Academy of Arts & Letters**, nominated by The Black Academy of Arts and Letters  
**Cara Mia Theatre Company**, nominated by SMU Meadows School of the Arts  
**The Friends of Exall Park**, nominated by Zielinski Design Associates, Inc.  
**Headline Mentors & Performing Arts**, nominated by Headline Mentors & Performing Arts  
**Ignite Arts**, nominated by Cara Mia Theatre Company

### **NEW INITIATIVES**

**PNC Bank** (Large), nominated by AT&T Performing Arts Center  
**Aviation Cinemas dba Texas Theatre** (Small), nominated by Aviation Cinemas  
**Dallas Glass Art (ARO/Art Reaching Out)** (Small), nominated by Pamela Riddle

### **OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ARTS ALUMNUS**

**James Mason**, nominated by Dragonfly Studio Creations  
**Almas Muscatwalla**, nominated by The Thanks-Giving Foundation  
**Crystal Perry**, nominated by Deep Ellum Foundation  
**John Wellik**, nominated by Texas Winds Musical Outreach

**VISIONARY NONPROFIT ARTS LEADER**

**Mary Anne Alhadeff**, nominated by Donna Wilhelm  
**Judy Birchfield**, nominated by The Classics Theatre Project  
**Connie Dunn**, nominated by Irving Symphony Orchestra  
**Stephanie Keller-Hudiburg**, nominated by Maggie Parker  
**Jacques Marquis**, nominated by The Cliburn  
**Tammy Meinershagen**, nominated by Hall Group  
**Charles Dee Mitchell**, nominated by WordSpace  
**Rogene Russell**, nominated by Fine Arts Chamber Players  
**Revathi Satyu**, nominated by Indique Dance Company  
**Brad Sharp**, nominated by Frisco Fine Art  
**Joseph Vincelli/The Artist Outreach**, nominated by Donnamarie McGaw & Vicki Niedermayer

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**Attached:**  
**Business Council for the Arts logo**



**Obelisk Awards logo**

