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**BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS
ANNOUNCES 2021 OBELISK AWARD CO-CHAIRS AND OPENS NOMINATIONS**

NORTH TEXAS—The Business Council for the Arts (BCA) Board of Directors is proud to announce that Board Member Philip Silvestri and his wife Rebecca Silvestri will chair BCA’s 2021 Obelisk Awards. Philip and Rebecca are the publishers of Local Profile, the community-connecting magazine of Collin County. “This is a year to truly celebrate the importance of arts and culture to our region, and to applaud those whose contributions are foundational in keeping this sector healthy”, says CEO Katherine Wagner.

Now in its 33rd year, the Obelisk Awards ceremony recognizes companies and leaders in business and the arts for their invaluable contributions supporting arts and culture in North Texas. Nominations for this year’s honorees are due by Friday, May 28, 2021.

Nomination Categories

Nominations may be made for outstanding businesses, non-profit organizations and individuals in seven categories, including Business Champion for the Arts, Arts Education, Distinguished Cultural Organization, Arts Partnerships, Visionary Nonprofit Arts Leader, New Initiatives, and Outstanding Leadership Arts Institute Alumnus.

Nominations may be presented now online at www.ntbca.org/obelisk-nominate-2021 or by mail to Business Council for the Arts, c/o Obelisk 2021 Co- Chairs, 8687 N. Central Expy., Suite 2131, Dallas, TX 75225. Deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 28. A single organization may make multiple nominations.

Business Council for the Arts

Founded at the request of the Dallas Citizen’s Council in 1988 by Raymond D. Nasher and other civic leaders, Business Council for the Arts connects North Texas businesses, municipalities, and educational institutions with regional arts and culture. Programs include Art at Work, Leadership Arts Institute and On My Own Time as well as corporate memberships. BCA also works to measure the economic impact of nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in partnership with Americans for the Arts. In its most recent report (2017), these organizations employ some 52,000 individuals and make a \$1.5 billion impact on the regional economy.

Attachments:

BCA Logo

Photo of Philip and Rebecca Silvestri

Cutline:

Philip and Rebecca Silvestri are co-chairs of the 33rd annual Obelisk Awards coming up Wednesday, November 17th as a virtual awards presentation. Hosted by Business Council for the Arts, which bridges the vibrant North Texas arts community with regional businesses, The Obelisk Awards will honor ten organizations, corporate supporters and individual contributors to the area's rich array of art forms.