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**2021 ARTS ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS PROCESS OPEN**

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**Augusta, GA** - The Greater Augusta Arts Council is proud to announce that the 2021 nomination process for the annual arts awards is underway. Community members are encouraged to nominate an individual or organization for their impactful work in Augusta's art community.

The Annual Awards meeting is a staple of the Arts Council's yearly events, held each summer to recognize outstanding work and development in the community. The nominations process is open now through May 2, 2021 at noon. The award winners will be recognized at the Annual Awards night event, online only, on June 17, 2021, at 6pm.

The nomination form can be found at this link:

<https://augustaarts.wufoo.com/forms/m194xshq0l9prid/>

There are several awards that are given in this process, including; volunteer, arts professional, individual artist, media, sponsor and the Kath Girdler Engler Public Art Award.

The 2020 Annual Awards winners included:

Sponsor: Doctors Hospital of Augusta

Media: Velvet Perry

Arts Professional: Porter Stokes

Artist: Karlton Clay

Volunteer: Carol Rezzelle

Kath Girdler Engler Public Art Award: Colleen Beyer & Wesley Stewart

These awards are a mix of individual and organizational awards to highlight the work that our arts community does as a whole. There are full descriptions of each award with examples on our website. Those descriptions can be found here by navigating to each award title and clicking on the text for more information: <https://www.augustaarts.com/annualawards/>

For more information about the nomination process, contact Rhian Swain.