

2014 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

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Once a year in Alaska a select few citizens and organizations exemplifying great art and devotion to the humanities are recognized for enriching the culture of the state.

The Alaska Humanities Forum and the Alaska State Council on the Arts jointly announced today nine recipients of the 2014 Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. In addition to the four arts awardees and the four Humanities awardees, Ronald Senungetuk will also be honored with a joint Lifetime Achievement Award in the Arts and Humanities.

The annual awards, which are coordinated with the Office of the Governor, will be presented January 30 at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center.

Reservations can be made online at bit.ly/GovernorsAwards2014 or by calling 907-586-ARTS.

The 2014 awardees are:

Governor's Awards for the Arts

- *Arts Advocacy Award*: Cam Bohman, Music Coordinator, Alaska School Activities Association, Anchorage
- *Margaret Nick Cooke Award for Alaska Native Arts and Languages*: Martha Galila, Artist and Educator, Goodnews Bay
- *Individual Artist Award*: Eowyn Ivey, Writer, Palmer
- *Business Leadership Award*: Darl Schaaff, Company Partner/Owner, Art Services North, Anchorage

Governor's Awards for the Humanities

- Aaron Leggett, Special Exhibits Curator, Anchorage Museum, Anchorage
- William "Willie" Iggiagruk Hensley, Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage

- Patricia Ann Relay, Executive Director, Valdez Museum & Historical Archive, Valdez
- Eva Saulitis, Essayist and Poet, Homer

Governor's Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts and Humanities

- Ronald Senungetuk, Artist and Educator, Homer

For more information on the awardees and/or the January 30 awards reception in Juneau, visit www.akhf.org or <http://education.alaska.gov/aksca>.

The Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA) is a division of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, and is governed by eleven council members appointed by the Governor. ASCA is supported with general funds appropriated by the Alaska State Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional support from Rasmuson Foundation. The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts is to foster the development of the arts for all Alaskans through education, partnerships, grants and services.

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The Alaska Humanities Forum engages Alaskans in humanities-based projects and innovative programs such as Take Wing Alaska, Sister School Exchange and Leadership Anchorage. The Forum was founded in 1972 by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and is one of 56 state and territorial groups supported by the NEH. The Forum is also a member of the Federation of State Humanities Councils. The mission of the Alaska Humanities Forum is to use the wisdom and methods of the humanities to enrich the civic, intellectual and cultural life of all Alaskans.

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