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**Governor's Awards in Support of the Arts - Nominations Accepted**

The Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts invites nominations for the 2005 Governor's Awards in Support of the Arts. Awards for extraordinary contributions to the vitality of the arts in local communities or statewide are presented in three categories: *individual leaders* and *corporations or businesses* that have demonstrated exemplary support for the arts, and *community organizations* that have developed outstanding arts projects.

Nomination forms are available online at [www.portalwisconsin.org](http://www.portalwisconsin.org). Nominators also may write: Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts, P.O. Box 1404, Madison, WI 53701-1404. Nominations and detailed supporting materials must be postmarked by July 15.

*Governor Jim Doyle* and *First Lady Jessica Doyle* will host a recognition ceremony this fall at the Executive Residence. Recipients will receive a personalized framed citation signed by the Governor, together with an original artwork, commissioned by the Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts.

Eau Claire glass artist, **Steve Immerman**, has received the 2005 commission and will create original glass art for each award winner. This particular art form consists of melting and shaping pieces of art glass in a kiln at temperatures as high as 1700 F. The glass is then ground, sandblasted, polished and textured as needed for each piece. More information on the artist and the process is available at [www.ClearwaterGlass.com](http://www.ClearwaterGlass.com).

The ceremony includes an elegant video production illustrating recipients' contributions to the arts, with commentary by colleagues and community leaders. The celebration and video are taped for later broadcast on Wisconsin commercial and public television stations.

More than 125 individuals, businesses and organizations, whose contributions to Wisconsin's cultural life deserved recognition, have been honored since the Governor's Awards were first presented in 1980. In 2004 awards were presented to: Esther Greenheck, Wausau; Green Lake Festival of Music, Green Lake; Arts Wisconsin, Madison; and Northwestern Mutual, Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts is a nonprofit citizen advocacy body whose mission is to strengthen the linkages between business, arts, and government throughout Wisconsin. The Foundation is supported by solely by tax-deductible membership dues and contributions.

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