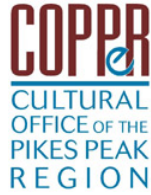




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Business and Arts Luncheon Nominations

Celebrate businesses that get creative. It's the right brain thing to do.

Nominations

To nominate a business, fill out this form, provide a brief narrative of the business or project for which you are submitting the nomination, and provide up to two letters of support for the nomination. Submit the nomination and support letters by email, mail or in person by 5 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2009. A panel of judges will review the nominations, and winners will be announced at the Business & Arts Awards luncheon on October 7, 2009.

Eligibility

All companies doing business within El Paso and/or Teller counties are eligible for these awards. Businesses/organizations may nominate themselves. Large and small businesses will be afforded equal consideration. Nominees may include nonprofit organizations such as hospitals, education institutions, etc., that are not primarily arts-specific organizations. Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations are not eligible.

Business & Arts Awards are presented in the following categories:

Philanthropy Award – Corporate support is critical to sustain arts and culture, the cornerstone of community vitality. Commitment to the arts supports a wide variety of community priorities including quality of life, education, and economic development. The Philanthropy Award recognizes exemplary business citizenship and generosity to arts and culture through financial contributions and/or significant in-kind support. Exemplary nominations will include specific financial information about recent and longer term financial support to arts organizations, and where appropriate, specify multiple organizations/projects which have been supported.

Creative Workspace Award – Successful businesses honor and inspire creativity among their employees. This award will honor a workplace that is a truly creative environment, through its use of architecture, interior design, space planning, exceptional design and/or art collections. Special attention will be given to businesses that incorporate local art into their work environment. Images of workplace must be included with nomination (submitted via e-mail or hard copy).

Business Leader in the Arts Award – This award honors a person who shows true leadership in the arts community in ways that go beyond financial giving. This individual's deep commitment to the arts may be demonstrated through board experience, arts advocacy and/or his/her own individual creativity. This award will recognize an individual who supports mutual economic and community interests as they relate to the arts and creativity, helps build the capacity of the arts sector, and increases awareness of the benefits of the arts to our community's economy, education and well being.

Evaluation Criteria

Judges will evaluate the nominees on:

- Completeness and details of nomination form
- The quality and extent of the business/arts engagement
- The effect on the company and its employees; cultural organization(s) and/or projects(s); community vitality and opportunity
- The level and type of support relative to business size and capacity

2009 Business & Arts Awards Nomination Form

Nominated Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Type of Business: _____

Nominated for (select one) Philanthropy ___ Workspace/Workforce ___ Business Leader ___

Nomination Submitted By: _____

Title: _____

Business/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Nominators are welcome to submit multiple nominations. Email completed nominations to rita@csc.org or mail to Rita D. Pantoya, Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, 6 S. Tejon St. Ste. 700, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, September 4, 2009.

Winners will be announced at the Business & Arts Awards Luncheon on October 7, 2009. Questions? Contact Rita D. Pantoya at 575-4326 or rita@csc.org.