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Obelisk Awards

BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES THE 2015 OBELISK AWARD HONOREES

Dallas, Texas- Business Council for the Arts is pleased to announce the honorees of The 2015 Obelisk Awards, which recognizes companies and business leaders for their invaluable contributions and dedication to the North Texas cultural community.

“Businesses and business leaders in North Texas are harnessing the power of art for community good more than ever before,” according to Kevin Hurst, Director of Charitable Giving for Neiman Marcus Group and Chairman of The 2015 Obelisk Awards. “Our Obelisk Awards honorees are the greatest exemplars of the good that results from partnerships between businesses and the arts.”

The 2015 Obelisk Awards will be held on Friday, November 13, 11:30 – 1:30 at The Fairmont Dallas.

2015 Obelisk Awards Honorees are: (in alphabetic order; please see attached document for further information on specific categories and honorees)

- Atmos Energy Corporation, nominated by WaterTower Theatre
- Beyond the Horizon, nominated by Undermain Theatre
- Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, nominated by Neiman Marcus Group
- Edwin Cabaniss, nominated by Steven Roth
- Neiman Marcus Willow Bend, nominated by North Texas Performing Arts and Plano Children’s Theatre
- NorthPark Center, nominated by Dallas Symphony Orchestra
- Spec’s Wines, Spirits & Finer Foods, nominated by UNT, College of Music
- Stephen A. Waldman, nominated by the Dallas Holocaust Museum
- The Dallas Weekly, nominated by Dallas Black Dance Theatre
- Virgin America, nominated by Dallas Film Society

KeyNote Speaker and Master of Ceremonies

Keynote speaker for the event is world-recognized scientist, Dr. Eric Olson. Dr. Olson is Director of the Hamon Center for Regenerative Science and Medicine, Chair of Molecular Biology, and the Annie and Willie Nelson Professor in Stem Cell Research at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Dr. Olson will be speaking on the heart between science and music.

Master of Ceremonies is Mary Anne Alhadeff, President & CEO of North Texas Public Broadcasting, which includes KERA Radio and Television, as well as KXT and affiliated programs.

Artist for The 2015 Obelisk Awards

Each Obelisk Award is a handblown glass sculpture by noted Dallas artist, Jim Bowman, of Bowman Glass Studios.

Members of The 2015 Obelisk Awards Host Committee:

Francey Beall, Barbara and Don Daseke, Betsy and Richard Eiseman, Jr., Dwight and Claire Emanuelson, Janiece Evans-Page, Kenny and Sherry Goldberg, Joyce Goss, Laree Hulshoff and Ben Fisher, Tom Leatherbury, Michael Musarra, Dotti Reeder, Brian Shivers, Michelle Thomas, Shelby Wagner and Niven Morgan, Randall White, Craig Young

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About Business Council for the Arts

Business Council for the Arts (BCA) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1988 as an initiative of the Dallas Citizen's Council by Raymond D. Nasher and other local business leaders to create business/arts partnerships, leading to enhanced quality of life and economic growth for the region. For 28 years, Business Council for the Arts has developed business leaders for nonprofit arts and cultural boards of directors; fostered employee creativity, engagement and creativity through the arts; guided strategic business support for the arts; and measured the economic impact of arts and culture in North Texas.
