

PRESS RELEASE

2015 Arts Awards

Idaho Falls, ID, March 14, 2016:

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is pleased to announce the recipients of the annual Arts Awards for 2015. Recipients will be recognized at the Portland Cello Project performance on March 18th at the Colonial Theater

The **Support of the Arts Award** recognizes outstanding financial or volunteer support of local arts organizations and/or artists. This year, Virginia Willard is being recognized for her years of support to the arts in eastern Idaho.

"Virginia epitomizes devotion to and advocacy of the arts," said Sharon Price, Chairman of the Idaho Falls Arts Council Board, "While musically talented in her own right, she has, since she was a teenager, encouraged and fostered others to excel in music. She is a tireless fundraiser for the arts in Idaho Falls and has opened her home for numerous receptions and fundraisers through the years. Virginia is incredibly deserving of this honor."

The **Achievement in the Arts Award** recognizes outstanding achievement in visual or performing artistry or arts programming. This year the board is honoring the Idaho Falls Youth Arts Center for providing opportunities for youth in dance, music, and drama since 1996.

Beginning with their Fall Musical, IFYAC has expanded to hold Summer Theater Camp, Evening of Dance, Melody in Motion, the Eastern Idaho Children's Choir, and more opportunities for youth to perform and be mentored in the performing arts.

About the Idaho Falls Arts Council

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is a private nonprofit organization which owns and operates: ARTitorium on Broadway, The Colonial Theater, and the Willard Arts Center. The mission of IFAC is: To educate our community and enrich its quality of life by promoting, advocating and presenting a broad spectrum of visual and performing arts in eastern Idaho.

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