



Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award **2011/2012 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

ARTS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR:

An individual whose advocacy efforts have significantly increased support for and public recognition of the arts in Maryland.

SUE HESS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:

Sue Hess has been a leader and staunch defender of the arts in Maryland for over thirty years. Shortly after Francis Murnaghan, Jr., a longtime chairman of the Walters Art Museum, founded Maryland Citizens for the Arts (MCA) in 1977, he was appointed to the U.S. Circuit Court. He asked Sue to become the chair of MCA, which she did. She has continued to serve MCA in various capacities for more than thirty years. Working on her own for the first three years at her kitchen table in Ocean City, Sue began forming a network of grass roots art supporters across the state, and she soon acquired a reputation for unflinching persistence in advocating for the arts in Maryland at any level at any time. Residing with her family in Salisbury, she was concerned that all Maryland citizens have access to the arts, especially students. Sue has been instrumental in driving the tremendous change and growth in MCA over the years, and she continues to add her unique and seasoned perspective to the MCA Board of Trustees as its longest serving member. Her passion for the arts and her credibility with the state's elected leadership yields countless benefits for artists and audiences everywhere in her beloved State of Maryland.

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Please e-mail the following to info@mdarts.org no later than 5 PM, on Tuesday, January 10, 2012. For more information call 410.467.6700.

A. One completed nomination form for each nominee.

B. A brief narrative, not to exceed 500 words, 12 point type, double-spaced, addressing the nominators' responses to the following questions:

1. What are the nominee's notable advocacy accomplishments? Please describe nominee's passion for their work, length of service in the arts and overall effectiveness as an arts advocate.
2. Who benefited? How have the advocacy efforts of this nominee benefited the residents of the state at large and/or the county in which he/she resides? How many people are served by the nominee's work and how underserved is the population?

Nominees must be residents of Maryland. Current government and elected officials, current Maryland State Arts Council staff and councilors, and current trustees and staff of Maryland Citizens for the Arts are ineligible.

**Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year Award
2011/2012
NOMINATION FORM**

NOMINEE INFORMATION	
Name	
Employing Organization	
Address of Nominee	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone	
Evening Phone	
E-mail	

NOMINATOR INFORMATION	
Name of Nominator	
Affiliation with Nominee	
Address of Nominator	
City, State, Zip	
Day Phone	
Evening Phone	
E-mail	

Submit nomination form and narrative to: info@mdarts.org

All materials must be received no later than 5 PM, January 10, 2012.

Nominees must be residents of Maryland. Current government and elected officials, current Maryland State Arts Council staff and councilors, and current trustees and staff of Maryland Citizens for the Arts are ineligible.

**You have the opportunity to assist us in perpetuating this award in the name of Sue Hess. If you care to make a donation to the "Sue Hess Maryland Arts Advocate of the Year" Fund, please send your contribution to:
Maryland Citizens for the Arts, 3600 Clipper Mill Road, Suite 205, Baltimore, MD 21211.**