

Arts Together Awards

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012
FIRST CITIZENS BANK HEADQUARTERS
RALEIGH, NC

A CELEBRATION INCLUDING COCKTAIL RECEPTION,
DINNER, AWARDS, & SILENT AUCTION

WITH WRAL'S ELIZABETH GARDNER AS MC

5:30 PM – 9:00 PM

About Arts Together

FOUNDED IN 1983, Arts Together is Raleigh's only non-profit multi-arts school. We offer a rich blend of classes in art, dance, drama, Pilates, and yoga for ages 3 through 18 and adults. As Raleigh's community school for the arts, Arts Together also has the distinction of nurturing the only area dance program focusing its curriculum around modern dance, with offerings for preschoolers through dance professionals.

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SINCE 1983**

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ABOUT THE ARTS TOGETHER AWARDS

The vision behind Arts Together is that developing personal artistic vision as well as technique helps us all, no matter what age, become creators—this expands our view of artistic possibilities and expression, increasing analytical abilities and accelerating our learning potential in all education and vocational pursuits.

The Arts Together Awards recognize individuals, organizations, and businesses in our community that exemplify the purpose for which Arts Together was created: making the arts a part of everyone's life.

ABOUT THE @ FUND

Proceeds from this event will benefit The @ Fund. The @ Fund was launched by the Arts Together Board as part of the strategic plan to provide for the long-term financial health of Arts Together, to help diversify funding sources to include more support from individuals and corporations, in addition to the revenue from tuition, fees, and grants from governmental agencies.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE @ FUND SUPPORT:

- Scholarships for talented young people in need of financial assistance to attend Arts Together classes and programs.
- Purchase of new equipment and updated educational technology to enhance the Arts Together learning experience.
- Providing creative new classes and programs for pre-school, after-school, and summer programs in off-site locations, specifically in areas of our community where such offerings are not currently available.

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Awards Categories

Awards will be presented at the event in five different categories.

All awards were adjudicated by the Awards Committee of the Arts Together Board.

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@ **INDIVIDUAL: Wade Smith.** Wade Smith is a person in the community who is not a “professional” artist but has made the arts a significant part of his personal and professional life. Mr. Smith is a prominent local attorney with the firm Tharrington Smith LLP. He is also a noted musical talent and is an original member of the band Bloomsbury. Arts Together founder, Lemma Mackie, was the lead singer in his band.

@ **ORGANIZATION: The City of Raleigh.** The City of Raleigh has been the leading municipality in the Triangle for fostering engagement with the arts among their own employees, as well as among others in the community. The City has maintained its \$4.50 per capita allocation for the cultural development of Raleigh. This consistent support for funding arts organizations, arts programs, and public art has been critical for the development of many cultural organizations.

@ **BUSINESS: Progress Energy.** Progress Energy demonstrates a true commitment to incorporating arts and artistic creativity into their company. Their long standing commitment to the arts, arts programs, and underwriting facilities for artistic performances is unparalleled in the Raleigh community.

@ **ARTS TOGETHER ALUMNUS: Glenda Mackie.** Glenda Mackie has participated in Arts Together programs for many years. She was a student in the Rainbow Dance Company and provided outstanding leadership in the creative direction and management of Arts Together in its early days. Arts Together is in her blood; she is the daughter of Arts Together founder Lemma Mackie. Ms. Mackie currently serves on the dance faculty at Enloe High School and Arts Together.

@ **ARTS TOGETHER FACULTY AWARD: Michelle Pearson.** Michelle Pearson is a person the teachers feel most clearly exemplifies the Arts Together mission. She is an Arts Together alumnus, member of the Rainbow Dance Company, and currently a choreographer, dancer, and master teacher who makes dances with people of all ages and abilities. In January 2011, Ms. Pearson was a member of a Cultural Envoy to Sierra Leone to underscore dance as a means of conveying social messages.

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