



Arts Access® Aotearoa

WHAKAHAUHAU KATOA O HANGA

The Big 'A' Awards 2010

About the Big 'A' Awards

Arts Access Aotearoa | Whakahauhu Katoa o Hanga is a national organisation that strives for a society where all people are able to participate in the arts, whatever their circumstances. We work to increase artistic opportunities for our key stakeholders: disabled people, disconnected youth, senior citizens, mental health service users, disadvantaged migrants and refugees. We are also the key organisation in New Zealand advocating for the arts as a tool for change in prisons.

Four award categories

The four categories in the Big 'A' Awards 2010 are listed below. Choose the one award that best matches your nomination. Contact us for a nomination form or download them from our website (www.artsaccess.org.nz).

For further clarification about the categories and eligibility criteria, please contact Laura Armstrong (T: 04 802 4356 E: community@artsaccess.org.nz). You can read profiles of the 2009 award recipients on our website.

Big 'A' Creative Space Award

Key aim: to celebrate the outstanding contribution and impact of a creative space providing access to the arts for people with limited access opportunities.

About the award: Arts Access Aotearoa refers to "creative spaces" as community arts organisations that provide support and opportunities to make art for people with limited opportunities to do so.

Eligibility criteria: the nominated creative space must

- be a not-for-profit organisation (and include a copy of the certificate of incorporation)
- support/provide access to the arts for people with limited access opportunities.

Nominations must include the following information:

- a brief statement on why the creative space should receive the award
- the mission/vision statement and the goals in working towards this
- how the creative space enables people to participate in the arts, whatever their circumstances
- examples of arts projects and achievements (e.g. exhibitions, performances, publications) over the previous two calendar years, 2009–2010.

Big 'A' Community Partnership Award

Key aim: to celebrate a mutually beneficial partnership between two or more organisations/formal structures that have actively engaged in a community arts project/s within the calendar years 2008 and 2009. The partnership and project promote diversity, enable inclusion and create opportunities to participate in the arts.

About the award: Arts Access Aotearoa considers partnership to be equal relationships involving a range of mutual benefits exchanged between the partners. Partnerships are deeper than sponsorship and are about collaboration, sharing resources and expertise. This award is about the success of a partnership relationship. The project (or a significant phrase of the project) must have been completed.

Eligibility criteria:

- all partners must have been actively engaged with the project/s
- all partners must be informed of the nomination and willing to be nominated.

Nominations must include the following information:

- why the partners should receive the award
- the key complementary goals/objectives of the partnership
- an outline of the arts project and how both partners are actively engaged with the community
- a written statement from each partner outlining the exchange of benefits from their perspective
- an outline of how the partnership models best practice and the values of partnering.

The Big 'A' Winton and Margaret Bear Young Artist Award

Key aim: to recognise and support the development of a talented young artist who faces barriers in pursuing his/her artistic potential.

About the award: The Winton and Margaret Bear Trust supports youth living in the Greater Wellington region. The objectives of the trust are to assist young people in confidence building, self-motivation, control of aggression, coping with the demands of society, and physical and mental well-being.

Eligibility criteria: the nominee

- must be living in the Greater Wellington region (i.e. Wellington City, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt, Wairarapa, Porirua, and Kapiti Coast)
- must be aged 21 years or under on 30 June 2010
- must require support in one or more areas stipulated by the Winton and Margaret Bear Trust objectives.

Nominations must include the following information:

- why the nominee should receive the award (e.g. describe his/her background and barriers faced, goals and artistic aspirations, arts projects or activities)
- a list of achievements (including year)
- an outline of what impact this award would have on the young person's artistic development
- a support letter (maximum of three)

The Big 'A' Prison Arts Leadership Award

Key aim: to recognise the outstanding contribution of prison staff, contractors or volunteers in the rehabilitation of prisoners through the arts. The award advocates and supports arts development among prisoner populations.

About the award: Arts Access Aotearoa in partnership with the Department of Corrections acknowledges the role of the arts in supporting positive thinking and change among prisoner populations.

Eligibility criteria: The nominee must

- be an employee, contractor or volunteer to the Department of Corrections
- be/have been involved directly in the delivery of prison arts within the twelve months preceding the nomination closing date (i.e. 26 March 2010).

Nominations must include the following information:

- why the nominee should receive the award (e.g. describe the background and what makes his/her contribution to prison arts outstanding)
- a list of achievements (including year)
- the impact of nominee's work on the sector

The Big 'A' Awards 2010: important information

Entries close: 5pm Friday 26 March 2010

Nomination forms: > can be downloaded from www.artsaccess.org.nz
> can be requested via email or post

Enquiries: Laura Armstrong, Community Development Manager
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Nomination checklist

If you make a nomination, please ensure you have checked and provided the following:

- eligibility criteria
- accurate contact details
- the requested information for the award category
- referee details
- support material (max. three items, including one CD/DVD)
- at least one support letter (no more than three)
- no staples
- addressed envelope and postage for support material if return is required

Please send to Arts Access Aotearoa, PO Box 9828, Wellington, 6141 or community@artsaccess.org.nz

Thank you for participating in the Big 'A' Awards 2010