Michigan Traditional Arts Program

HERITAGE AWARDS

The Michigan Heritage Awards are presented each year to honor master Michigan tradition-bearers who have dedicated themselves to continuing the folk traditions of their families or communities through practice and teaching. Awards are also presented to individuals who are recognized as outstanding community leaders in the maintenance, documentation, or presentation of traditional arts. Awards are made in two categories: performance and material culture or community leadership. Nominations are reviewed and awardees selected by an invited panel of cultural specialists. The Michigan Heritage Awards is an activity of the Michigan Traditional Arts Program (a partnership of the Michigan State University Museum and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs).

For a complete list of past awardees, go to [http://traditionalarts.msu.edu/programs/michigan-heritage-awards/](http://traditionalarts.msu.edu/programs/michigan-heritage-awards/)

Please include the following with your nomination:

- [ ] portrait-style photograph of the nominee
- [ ] samples of nominee’s work (objects, photograph(s), audio, video)
  
  Note: links to YouTube, Vimeo, Bandcamp, Soundcloud, or other video/audio hosting sites are accepted. Please include descriptions and timestamps where necessary.
- [ ] three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee’s work that reflect different perspectives.

Use additional pages or attached documents/materials if necessary. All of the above must be received by December 1st for the nomination to be considered.

### Information about the nominee

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone(s) E-mail:

Date and Place of Birth

Nominee’s principal ethnic group or tribal membership (if applicable)

History of nominee’s occupations

Primary place(s) of residence
Nominee’s work

Describe the community(ies) that the nominee supports.

What is the nominee’s role in their community(ies)?

Describe the contributions the nominee has made to the community’s traditions. Include information on length of service, which particular traditions have been supported, and in what ways support has been given.

What makes this person especially outstanding as compared to others who contribute to the community?
Nomination submitted by

Name__________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code __________________________________________________________________________
Telephone(s) __________________________ Email ________________________________
Relationship to person nominated _____________________________________________________________

Nominations must be submitted each year by December 1st.

Send this nomination form and the three letters of support, photo, and audio/video recordings or samples of the nominee’s work to:

Michigan Heritage Awards
409 West Circle Drive
Michigan State University Museum
East Lansing, MI 48824

Or submit digitally:
Email completed nominations and support materials to:
Msum.mtap@gmail.com

For more information, call (517) 353-5526 or (517) 355-2370 or email us at msum.mtap@gmail.com.

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