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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THE ARTSERVE MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S AWARDS

**SOUTHFIELD, MI, (May 25, 2004)** –The time has come to nominate artists, arts educators, civic leaders, organizations and others in communities throughout Michigan for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture (GAAC).

Celebrating 19 years of recognizing cultural excellence in Michigan, the ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards, is ArtServe's major annual fundraiser. The Governor's Awards recognize individuals or organizations for significant creative achievement or outstanding local, regional or statewide contributions to Michigan's arts and cultural life.

"Michigan continues to recognize the exceptional talent and commitment both individuals and organizations have made to the arts," said Barbara Kratchman, president of ArtServe Michigan. "The Governor's Awards help us honor individuals and organizations who are on the leading edge of the arts and cultural scene in Michigan and the world."

A diverse statewide committee will select the winners, with a public announcement following shortly thereafter.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

**International Achievement Award:** Michigan artist who has achieved international prominence in the arts.

**Michigan Artist Award:** Michigan artist who has consistently made an impact on his or her artistic discipline.

**Emerging Artist Award:** Michigan artist of exceptional talent and potential.

**Civic Leader Award:** Michigan civic leader or volunteer who has demonstrated significant accomplishment in advancing and supporting arts and culture in his or her community or statewide.

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**Arts in Education Award:** Individual educator or an institution that has provided extraordinary leadership, student and/or educator support and creativity in advancing arts and cultural education in Michigan schools at the elementary, secondary or higher education levels.

**Cultural Organization Award:** Michigan arts and cultural organizations for outstanding contributions regionally and statewide.

**Business Honor Roll Award:** Michigan business, corporation or business-related organization that has given extraordinary supports to artists or cultural organizations regionally or statewide.

The nomination form, process, guidelines and categories are available on ArtServe Michigan's website at [artservemichigan.org/GAAC/2004/](http://artservemichigan.org/GAAC/2004/). Nomination forms are also available by calling 248.557.8288 x17.

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT ARTSERVE'S SOUTHFIELD OFFICE NO LATER THAN 5 PM FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2004. FAXED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The honor roll of all past winners can be viewed on ArtServe's website.

The ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture awards ceremony and gala takes place at The Sally & Wendell Anderson Theatre at The Henry Ford, November 18, 2004 at 6pm. To receive an invitation for the Governor's Awards please call 248.557.8288 x17.

Questions about the 19<sup>TH</sup> Annual ArtServe Michigan Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture 2004 should be directed to Kim Adams, chief operating officer, at 248.557.8288 x17 or emailed to [gaac2004@ArtServeMichigan.org](mailto:gaac2004@ArtServeMichigan.org).

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#### **ABOUT ARTSERVE MICHIGAN**

*ArtServe Michigan, an independent statewide not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization with offices in Southfield and Lansing, builds support for the arts, arts education, artists and cultural activities throughout Michigan through advocacy, education and services.*

*For more information about ArtServe Michigan, its programs and services or to become a member, call (248) 557-8288 or visit <http://www.artservemichigan.org/>.*