

VIRGINIA COMMISSION for the ARTS

Guidelines for Funding

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

NOMINATIONS FOR ADVISORY PANELISTS

Role of Advisory Panels

The advisory panels of the Virginia Commission for the Arts make recommendations and give guidance that will affect the future of the arts in the Commonwealth. The quality and integrity of the Commission's decision-making depend upon the individual contributions of time, thought, and energy of these volunteers.

Nominations for Advisory Panels

The Commission staff keeps a file of nominations for the panels, and anyone can send in names at any time during the year. Each name remains on file for at least three years. Each nomination should include a brief description of the individual's experience in the arts, an address, and a telephone number. An individual may nominate him or herself.

Who is Eligible for the Panels?

- individual artists in all disciplines
- artistic directors of arts institutions
- curators and museum directors
- heads of performing arts presenting series
- managers of arts institutions
- board leaders of arts institutions
- college faculty in the visual arts, music, theatre, dance, and creative writing
- folklorists
- managers of individual performers and touring companies
- arts educators, school administrators, teachers, and PTA/PTO representatives
- writers and editors
- community leaders with an understanding of the role of the arts in their communities

Panelists Should:

- have in-depth knowledge in a field of the arts
- regularly attend a wide variety of arts events in their communities
- be articulate and willing to offer opinions in public
- be able to work in a committee setting
- be willing to contribute the time necessary to review grant applications and to understand the Commission programs and policies

- be able to attend a one or two day panel meeting

Selection of the Panelists

The board of the Virginia Commission for the Arts approves the list of nominees for the advisory panels annually. The Commission staff invites the panelists to serve, attempting to balance each panel with different types of knowledge about the arts. Each panel should include geographic and racial diversity.

Panels

The Commission has different panels for the different grant categories, including:

- seven regional multi-disciplinary panels that review applications from arts organizations for operating support and from all types of not-for-profit organizations for special initiatives in the arts
- a statewide multi-disciplinary panel to review applications from large budget arts organizations for operating support
- a statewide multi-disciplinary panel to review applications from performers to be included in the Tour Directory
- a statewide arts in education panel that reviews applications for Artists in Education Grants
- a statewide panel to review Artist Fellowship applications

Send Your Nominations for the Panels to:

Virginia Commission for the Arts
223 Governor Street
Richmond, VA 23219
by email: arts@arts.virginia.gov

Include contact information for the individual(s) nominated for the panels and either a bio or a few sentences about the person's experience in the arts.