



March 2, 2015

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor Haley:

For many years, the South Carolina Arts Commission has partnered with the Governor's Office to present the annual Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Governor's Awards for the Arts, honoring outstanding achievements by the state's artists, educators, businesses and individuals. You have been very gracious and generous with your time to greet our honorees in your office each year and pose for photos.

Because these are the official Governor's Awards for the Arts, we would like to explore ways to elevate your involvement in the awards presentation. Would you or a member of your staff be willing to talk with us about your making the actual presentations? This year, we would like to present the awards during a special concert on Wednesday, May 13 at the Southside Baptist Church in Columbia's Olympia community. We invite you to attend the concert, enjoy performances by South Carolina artists, and present the awards to this year's honorees. The program would last one hour. The concert would be followed by the South Carolina Arts Gala fundraiser across the street from the church at 701 Whaley.

If the above scenario is not feasible for you, we would be glad to explore some other arrangements. Our goal would be to have our honorees receive their awards from you.

For your information, this year's award recipients include:

- Aldwyth (Hilton Head Island, Individual Artist)
- Howe Hall Arts Integrated Magnet School (Goose Creek, Arts in Education)
- Wells Fargo (Business)
- City of Lancaster (Government)
- Dr. Donald Portnoy (Columbia, Individual)
- College of Charleston School of the Arts (Organization)
- Dr. Terry K. Peterson (Kiawah Island, Lifetime Achievement)

We and our would be honored for you to make these presentations. Please feel free to contact me at (864) 915-0668 or have the appropriate staff member contact Rusty Sox at the Arts Commission (803) 734-8899 if you have questions or wish to discuss our request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Horowitz". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Henry Horowitz
Chairman