



THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
2025 NORTHFIELD LIVING TREASURE AWARD
NOMINATION FORM

THE AWARD

This annual award honors those individuals who have, over a long period of time, made significant contributions to Northfield in, through, or on behalf of arts and culture, so as to enhance the reputation of the city and the quality of life of its residents and visitors. Culture, as defined in the 2019 Cultural Plan, encompasses the whole of the community's intellectual and social formation, including its work, thoughts, behaviors, and beliefs as manifested through the arts, food, oral languages, dress, homes, recreation, history, landscape, rituals, traditions, celebrations and festivals.

One recipient will be named each year - either a practitioner in one of the arts or a supporter/advocate/arts or cultural leader.

The Living Treasure Award recipient will be honored during the State of the City Address on March 18th, 2025.

This award is one of recognition and has no financial value.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION FORMS

To be considered for the 2025 Award, nomination forms must be submitted no later than 5 pm, Friday, November 15th, 2024, and can be submitted online or emailed with attachments to natalie.draper@northfieldmn.gov. Paper applications are available at and may be returned to one of these locations:

- Circulation Desk at the Northfield Public Library (210 Washington Street)
- FiftyNorth (1651 Jefferson Parkway)

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION:

- The nominee must have amassed a body of work that demonstrates consistency of excellence.
- The nominee must be an inspiration to others.
- Personal admirable attributes that the nominee may possess include: kindness, courage, wisdom, grace, authenticity, humor, humility, respectfulness and generosity.
- The nominee must be living and a Northfield area resident (within Northfield Public School district boundaries).
- The nominee, in discussions with the ACC, is encouraged to serve the community and share their expertise for a period of no less than twelve months from March through February during the year after receiving the award, to the extent they are able. Contributions might include offering a series of lectures, workshops or classes to students in the Northfield schools, FiftyNorth, at the Public Library, and/or to the community as a whole, serving as spokesperson or advocate for arts and culture.

In addition to the criteria that a nominee must meet to be designated as a Living Treasure, the nomination process has three basic requirements:

1. The nomination must be approved by no less than three persons not related to the nominee.
2. The nominator must inform the nominee about the intent to pursue a nomination, and the nominee must agree to be nominated.
3. The nominator must work together with the nominee to complete this form.

NOMINEE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

LEAD NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CO-NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

CO-NOMINATOR

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please limit your answer to 250 words or 1500 characters per question.

1. What is/are the nominee's area(s) of expertise and what is the general nature of the nominee's contribution to the arts and/or culture?

2. Why do you believe the nominee's contribution to the state of arts and/or culture in Northfield specifically, and/or to its quality of life, and/or to Northfield's identity, qualifies the nominee for this award?

3. What are the three most interesting, unusual or unique features of the nominee's work, accomplishments or contributions?

4. How does the nominee promote understanding of the nominee's field of expertise or to the values of arts and/or culture?

5. Please list any additional special recognition, awards, or media recognition not listed elsewhere.

The following supporting documentation must be submitted:

- A letter of support from each co-nominator (no more than 250 words or 1500 characters)
- Optional: At least one but no more than three pieces of supporting documentation that highlights their artistic and/or cultural contributions to our community (i.e., portfolio, newspaper articles, photographs, video clips no longer than 3 minutes, etc.)

As the lead nominator for this application, by signing below I certify that:

- The nominee has been informed about the intent to submit a nomination.
- The nominee has agreed to be nominated.
- The nominee agrees to serve the community as outlined in the criteria above according to their abilities, if selected.
- The co-nominators have agreed to support this nomination.
- The application contains accurate and complete information to the best of my knowledge.
- If the nominee is not selected, the application may be kept on file for up to five years. I understand that I may update it each year it is on file.

Signature: _____

Date: _____