



Office for the Arts at Harvard

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MEMORANDUM

Date November 1, 2021
To Student Art Prize Nomination Solicitation List
From Stephanie Troisi, Student Services Coordinator
Subject Nominations for 2022 Student Arts Prizes

Every year the Council on the Arts at Harvard, a FAS standing Committee, awards eight Arts Prizes that recognize undergraduate contributions to the arts. The Nomination process has two steps:

1. Solicitation of nominations from members of the Harvard community **(faculty and administrators/staff only)**

To nominate a student for an arts prize please submit the following to the Council on the Arts, c/o Stephanie Troisi, (troisi@fas.harvard.edu) no later than Monday, November 22, 2021:

- letter of nomination describing student and their work.
(one page preferred; word count of no more than 400).

2. Review of Nominees by Council on the Arts

Award decisions will be made during the spring semester (March). During deliberation the Office for the Arts will contact nominees for the submission of supporting material such as curriculum vitae, website featuring work samples, production program, description of the project, writing selection, portfolios or slides, and/or video or audio-tapes.

Please note that these awards are meant to recognize the accomplishments of seniors, though some highly qualified junior candidates have been past award recipients. Descriptions of the prizes are attached. **Also, should you wish to submit multiple nominees for a specific prize, we ask that you submit no more than two candidates for consideration. All prizes come with a cash award.** A full listing of past recipients of art prizes can be found at the OFA website: <http://ofa.fas.harvard.edu/student-art-prizes>

We are pleased to offer these prizes and are grateful for your help. Please direct any questions to Stephanie Troisi, troisi@fas.harvard.edu, 617.495.8895.

Description of Office for the Arts: Student Art Prizes

The Council Prize in Visual Art: recognizes outstanding work by a Harvard undergraduate in the field of visual arts, which includes but is not limited to painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, film, and video.

The Louise Donovan Award (Behind the Scenes/"Unsung Hero"):

recognizes a Harvard student who worked behind the scenes in the arts -- for example, as director, producer, or accompanist -- contributing most to the success of a production and the opportunity for others to shine. The award is given in honor of Louise Donovan who, through her distinguished career at Radcliffe College, was a role model of unselfish, effective support for the College.

The Suzanne Farrell Dance Prize (Dance):

Named for the extraordinary dancer and former prima ballerina of the New York City Ballet, the Farrell Prize recognizes a Harvard undergraduate who has demonstrated outstanding artistry in the field of dance.

The Radcliffe Doris Cohen Levi Prize (Musical Theater):

recognizes the Harvard undergraduate who combines talent and energy with outstanding enthusiasm for musical theater at Harvard. The prize honors the memory of Doris Cohen Levi '35 and is conferred upon a student who has made a consistent contribution of high quality to the production or performance of musical comedy, opera, dance, and all other forms of theater which combine music and theatrical performance at Harvard.

The Robert E. Levi Prize

recognizes a Harvard College senior who has demonstrated outstanding arts management skills over the course of an undergraduate career. The recipient's dedication, organizational talent and creative problem-solving, as well as ability to nurture artistry, have been critical factors in the success of one or more arts organizations and/or projects. The award honors the memory of Robert E. Levi, Harvard College class of 1933 and Harvard Business School, MBA, 1935.

Robert Levin Prize in Musical Performance

This prize has been established to recognize an extraordinarily gifted undergraduate musician, preferably of the senior class. The award honors Robert Levin '68, Professor Emeritus and former Dwight P. Robinson Jr. Professor of the Department of Music at Harvard University.

The Jonathan Levy Award (Acting):

recognizes a Harvard undergraduate as the most promising actor at the University. This award is named for Jonathan Levy '56, a playwright and professor of drama, who considers acting "the most central among all the arts and crafts of theatre."

Description of Office for the Arts: Student Art Prizes (continued)

The Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts (Most Outstanding Senior)

recognizes the senior with the most outstanding artistic talent and achievement in the composition or performance of film, music, drama, dance or visual arts. The prize is intended to honor the sum of the student's activities rather than a single project. This award was endowed in 1983 by the late Louis Sudler, an accomplished musician and Chairman of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, to give special recognition to young adults who have demonstrated outstanding artistic talent.

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