**VSA Texas**

**Haven Street-Allen Artist of the Year Award**

**Nomination Deadline: February 28, 2019**

The Haven Street-Allen Artist of the Year Award is offered in memory of Forrest Haven Street-Allen and honors an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to affirming a creative dimension in the arts. Each year, the Artist of the Year Award is given to one artist with a disability in Texas who, through a one-time creative act or a substantial record of achievement, embodies the spirit and vision of VSA Texas. This individual challenges perceptions of how people contribute by demonstrating artistic excellence or leading the way as a community catalyst for change.

Haven was an insightful and caring person who had a history of helping others. She was a Board Member of VSA Texas as well as the Austin Dispute Resolution Center, a volunteer mediator for the Resolution Center, and the Director of Human Resources for St. Edward’s University in Austin until her retirement in 2012. At VSA Texas, she willingly shared her knowledge with her fellow board members and the staff, and supported the activities offered by VSA Texas with her presence and her financial support. The Haven Street-Allen Artist of the Year Award recognizes her dedication, vision and respect for all, and honors her commitment to creating greater access to, and support for, the arts in Texas.

In addition to a plaque commemorating artistic achievement, each award also consists of an honorarium of $500, recognition as a featured artist on the VSA Texas website, and an invitation to attend our annual event as the guest of honor to be publicly recognized for individual artistic achievements.

Nominations are open to any artist with a disability over the age of 16 years in any discipline including visual art, dance, music, performance, craft, and writing. Self-nominations are allowed as well as multiple nominations for an individual. Nominations will be juried by a panel of judges and the results will be announced in May 2019. All nominations must be in by February 28, 2019 to be considered for the award.

For more information call toll free 1-866-489-8412 or email info@vsatx.org

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Nomination Form

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**Nominator Information**

Nominated by:

Phone number: Fax number:

Email address:

Street Address:

City: State: Bottom of Form ZIP code:

**Nominee Information**

Name of nominee:

Phone number: Fax number:

Email address:

Street Address:

City: State: ZIP code:

Website (if available):

**Limit answers to 150 words or less per question. Use additional paper if necessary.**

1. Please describe the nominee.
2. Please describe the nominee’s substantial artistic achievements.
3. What inspires you most about the nominee’s work?
4. How has this artist’s work inspired a catalyst for change in the community?
5. How do you know the nominee?
6. How did you discover the nominee’s work?
7. Can we contact you if we need additional information?
8. Do you wish this nomination to be anonymous?

**Please attach photos or a link to the artist’s work to nomination form.**

**Submit nomination form to:**

**HSA Artist of the Year, VSA Texas, 3710 Cedar Street #7**

**Austin, Texas 78705 or email to info@vsatx.org.**