

# MICHIGAN TRADITIONAL ARTS PROGRAM **HERITAGE AWARDS**

## **NOMINATION FORM A: ARTS**

The Michigan Heritage Awards are presented each year to honor master Michigan tradition bearers who, with excellence and authenticity, continue the folk traditions of their families or communities through practice and teaching. Awards are also presented to individuals who are recognized as outstanding community leaders in the maintenance, documentation, or presentation of traditional arts. A community can be described as a group of people who share the same ethnic or tribal heritage, language, occupation, religion, geographic area, or traditional art form. Awards are made in three categories: performance, material culture, and community leadership. Nominations are reviewed and awardees selected by an invited panel of subject specialists. The Michigan State University Museum coordinates and presents the Michigan Heritage Awards.

To nominate someone in the performance or material culture categories, use FORM A: ARTS.

To nominate someone in the community leadership category, use FORM B: COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP.

Please print or type this nomination form (or a copy), and include the following materials:

- photograph of the nominee
- sample(s) of nominee's work (object, photograph(s), slides, audiotape, videotape)
- three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the nominee's work and reflecting different perspectives.

Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

All of the above must be received for the nomination to be considered.

### **NOMINEE INFORMATION FOR PERFORMING AND/OR MATERIAL CULTURE AWARDS**

Name

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Address

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City, State, Zip Code

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Telephone

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Date of Birth

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Nominee's principal ethnic group or tribal membership (if applicable)

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Family's country or countries of origin, and how long family has been in U.S.

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History of nominee's occupations

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Nominee's places of residences and how long at each

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**NOMINEE'S WORK**

Category of Nomination: [ ] Performance [ ] Material Culture

Primary traditional skill or craft \_\_\_\_\_

How did the nominee learn the skill (from relative, neighbors, classroom, books)? \_\_\_\_\_

At what age did the nominee begin learning the skill \_\_\_\_\_

How has the nominee continued to engage in this skill \_\_\_\_\_

What makes this person especially outstanding, compared to others who practice the same skill \_\_\_\_\_

Who else in this community or family practice this skill? What are their names \_\_\_\_\_

To whom has the nominee taught this skill? Are they still practicing the skill? \_\_\_\_\_

What contributions has the nominee made to the community? \_\_\_\_\_

Other skills and interests \_\_\_\_\_

**CRAFTS (FILL OUT ONLY IF NOMINEE IS A CRAFTSWORKER)**

What materials are used in this work? \_\_\_\_\_

What main steps are involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the work sold, given away, or kept in the family? \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to person nominated \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR BY DECEMBER 1.**

Thank you for submitting this nomination.

Send this nomination form and the photos, tapes, or samples of the nominee's work to:

Michigan Heritage Awards  
Michigan State University Museum  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824

For further information, call (517) 353-9678.



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