

PECAN, Inc. Awards

Crescendo Award Recipients

The Crescendo Award was created in 1998 by Cynthia Sudor, cofounder of Celebration of Children, to recognize an adult who has given of themselves using their artistic talent for youth in the Harrisburg area.

1998 - Edward C. Truax - very active with Girls Incorporated of Greater Harrisburg, contributing his time and artistic talent to children and projects in the Harrisburg area.

1999 - Linda Tedford - creator and director of Susquehanna Youth Chorale whose efforts have helped many children learn the value of harmony and team effort with the beauty of songs and performances in the Central PA area.

2000 - Ruth ann Jeremiah - efforts with the group, ENERGY, since 1990 have helped children of all abilities and disabilities learn the value of song and dance as a group performing all across Pennsylvania.

2001 - Camille Erice - created the school Danzante to teach Latino arts and history to inner city youth.

2002 - Ali and Rafiyqua Muhammad - founded and direct the school Gnus which teaches African Dance. Ali Muhammad is also the founder and instructor with the Universal African Fighting Arts System.

2003 - George Kell - has made a difference in the lives of young people through his direction of musicals and plays at the Harrisburg Youth for Christ center on Eisenhower Blvd.

2004 - Cheryl Horning - created Caitlin's Smiles which delivers arts and crafts kits to children in hospitals.

2005 - Fred Miles - Cartoon Tycoon offers an animation camp for middle and high school students helping many children learn the animation production process within a working studio.

2006 - Roni Dietrich - Scrimshaw artist, organizer of PECAN, Inc. Art Day Camp and is instrumental in organizing the art displays for Celebration of Children for the past 5 years.

2007 - Anita Tyler-Goodrich - founder/ director of Prazon School of Dance in 2000 to increase awareness in the Arts.

2008 - Aileen Hower - Makeup artist for Celebration of Children for 4 years and TASK for 2 years as well as volunteering her services to many organizations in the Central PA area.

Allegro Award Recipients

The Allegro Award, created in 2002, recognizes a youth who have given of themselves in the arts to help others.

2002 - Lauren Elizabeth Fealtman of Carlisle provided children with summer dance lessons for a small fee and donated the proceeds to the American Lung Association.

2003 - Randi Levundusky worked 4 years with Celebration of Children coaching encouraging youth in the arts.

2004 - Elizabeth Park contributed to non-profit organizations by face painting and working at summer day camps with visual arts for people with disabilities.

2005 - Andrew kj Shiraki - president of the youth advisory counsel for the Lower Paxton Youth Center.

2006 - Elizabeth M. Ehrlich - worked for 6 years with Celebration of children as MC and teaching dance routines. She is instrumental in starting Children's Wheelchair Dance and teaching the class.

2007 - Julia Olley - Celebration of Children backstage manager for 4 years. PECAN, Inc. art day camp assistant for 3 years.

2008 - Corina Aucker - worked for 7 years with Celebration of Children as a performer and 4 years as Jr. MC. Volunteers her time to sing the National Anthem at events as well as singing to support the Troops in Iraq.

Arpeggio Award Recipients

The Arpeggio Award was created in 2004 to recognize a celebrity who is giving of themselves to help youth create harmony in their lives through use of the arts.

2004 - Charles S. Dutton actor, director, and movie producer is recognized for his work with under privileged youth through theater arts which has helped youth gain confidence and self worth.

2005 - Steven Courtney - performing songwriter of songs with themes that include love, friendship and family.

2006 - Michelle White - Special Ed teacher and author of books to help children understand being disabled.

2007 - Woody Wolfe - Singer, composer, guitar player who creates harmony in hospitals singing and playing songs for children in the pediatrics ward.

2008 - Mark W. Wesling - Classical Guitarist, composer of children's songs about life, susuki teacher of classical guitar, performer and visual artist.

Media Award

The Media Award was created in 2005 to recognize a program in any type of media that influences children in positive, productive ways by use of auditory and visual arts.

2005 - Mr. Roger's Neighborhood - an educational program for children using the arts accepted by David Newell - "Mr. McFeely".

2006 - WITF, Inc. - radio and TV station that promotes the arts for youth through educational programs accepted by Kathy Silks, Vice-president of Audience Relations.

2007 - Central Penn Parent Magazine - informs parents of upcoming events for children to become involved in especially art related events. Features articles of interest about the arts to encourage parents to involve their children.

2008 - VSA arts of Pennsylvania - website assists in supporting inclusive arts education through its well designed pages and easy to follow format.