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Calling Texas Artists!

Chairman Guillen Requests Nominations for Texas State Artists

AUSTIN– State Representative Ryan Guillen (D- District 31) is accepting submissions through October 10th for the 2015 and 2016 Texas State Artists Awards.

An avid supporter of the arts, Representative Guillen authored House Resolution 1537 last year in order to further honor the 2013 and 2014 Texas State Artist recipients. "As Chairman of the House Committee on Culture, Recreation & Tourism, it is a great privilege to honor these talented Texas artists in recognition of their contributions in music, poetry, and art that keep Texas unique," Chairman Guillen stated. "Texas has always been a place where artistic endeavors are encouraged and cultivated."

Each year the Texas Commission on the Arts, along with an official state selection committee, reviews nominee submissions, and recognizes one individual in each of four categories: State Poet Laureate, State Musician, State Two-Dimensional Artist, and State Three- Dimensional Artist.

To qualify for selection, the nominee must be a native Texan or resident of the state for at least five years, be established in a creative field applicable to an official category, and have been featured in a publically circulated periodical. Self-submissions are encouraged for qualified individuals.

During a one- year term, a Texas State Artist represents the rich and diverse traditions of the state and exemplifies the pioneering spirit intrinsic to all Texans. The position offers the recipient exclusive marketing opportunities, a chance to influence a diverse Texas audience, and prestige inherent to the designation.

Please submit your nominees via email to district31.guillen@house.state.tx.us by Friday October 10th and do not hesitate to call the Capitol Office at 512-463-0416 for more information.

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