Outstanding Alumni in the Arts Award Criteria

Criteria for Selection

The purpose of this award is to recognize annually a Chapman University graduate who has continued to embody the values and mission of Chapman while receiving national or regional recognition in the arts.

Therefore, this award seeks to honor an alumnus or alumna who has taken these values to heart since graduation, someone for whom art has remained a priority in his/her life, someone who has:

- Continued to cultivate a personal responsibility for his/her intellectual growth
- Continued to evolve positively as a thinker and artist
- Contributed in positive ways to his/her community

Eligibility Requirements

Alumni from the College of Performing Arts (CoPA), previously known as the School of Music or Communication Arts, are eligible for nomination, beginning with the 5th anniversary of their graduation.

The nominee must embody the values and mission of Chapman while receiving regional or national regional recognition in the arts and must be in good academic standing with the university.

Forms of artistic accomplishments may include but not limited to the following: Performance, Choreography, Directing, Designing, Composition, or Visual Arts.

Nominee must be available to attend American Celebration Opening Night, held the first Friday of each November.
Nomination and Selection Process

In February of each year, a call for nominations will be distributed to Alumni, faculty and staff. The deadline for receiving nominations is April 30.

Nominations will be submitted via the Chapman University Website. In addition to the submission, the nominating party may include any material he/she feels supports the candidate, e.g., vitae, resumes, newspaper/magazine articles, reviews, published works, etc., as long as the additional information is pertinent to the criteria for selection.

The award selection committee will consist of the following:

- The CoPA Dean
- American Celebration show producer
- Representative from the Chapman Alumni Board
- Alumni representative
- Representative from University Advancement
- CoPA Associated Students Representative

The selection will be made by a consensus of the committee and not by individual votes. If the committee members feel strongly that two nominations are worthy of receiving the award, they may elect to honor two alumni in a single year.

The committee will make its recommendation to the Chapman University Senior Staff.

Award

In addition to receiving the award, the honoree will be asked to address the audience.