

2007 AMOCAT Arts Awards

The AMOCAT Arts awards recognize those in our community who provide distinctive contributions to the arts. The honorees work hard to support and build our community by innovating in artistic excellence.

The AMOCAT Artist award recognizes individual artists whose work helps to raise the awareness and exposure of the arts in Tacoma. Arts Outreach honors organizations which provide exemplary service and programming to the local arts community. Arts Patrons are organizations, businesses, or individuals dedicated to the financial support of arts programming in Tacoma.

2007 Community Outreach by an Artist award

Lance Kagey & Tom Llewellyn of Beautiful Angle

Beautiful Angle began in October 2002 as a long-term, sustainable art project.

Approximately once a month, graphic designer Lance Kagey and writer Tom Llewellyn create a limited run of hand-crafted letterpress posters and then distribute them around a few Tacoma neighborhoods via wheat paste and staples. Along the way, they've collaborated with dozens of other local artists.

"It's mostly fun and occasionally overwhelming," says Llewellyn. "We're happy that people like the posters, even though we're surprised. We talk quite a bit about our Christian faith, and always expect people to turn their backs on us for that. That they don't says something pretty wonderful about the openness of this community."

"There aren't many cities where you would get such public support for a project like this," says Kagey. "The way we distribute our work can be a bit fast and loose. The way the city has not only allowed us to continue, but also encouraged us, is pretty wonderful. So thanks."

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2007 Community Outreach by an Organization award

Victory Music

Founded in 1969, Victory Music is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting Northwest acoustic, jazz, blues and folk music. Their mission is achieved by fostering a community that nurtures musical growth, creativity, and the appreciation of acoustic music.

Victory Music currently hosts four open mics around the Puget Sound region every week. In Tacoma, you can attend open mics every Tuesday from 7 – 10 pm **at** The Antique Sandwich Company (51st & N. Pearl). This is Victory Music's oldest open mic – 21 years of creating music. Every open mic is different; you will find new acoustic musicians and new audiences each week, all whom are there to enjoy a few hours of supportive and creative entertainment.

In addition to providing performance and networking opportunities at their open mics, since 1974 Victory Music has also published the Victory Review. This magazine contains acoustic music reviews of CDs from around the world, columns and features on Northwest musicians, and a calendar of northwest acoustic music events.

Victory Music is a 2007 Arts Projects funding recipient for the production of the Playground Express concert series in Wright Park. These July and August concerts featured free family-oriented entertainment including music, dance and performance presentations. Victory Music has also received the NAMA President's Award, the Washington State Governor's Arts Award, and the Pierce County Arts Award.

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2007 Arts Patron award

The Weekly Volcano

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Since Nov. 1, 2001, The Weekly Volcano has offered hip take on culture and music flavored by a lifelong love of the South Sound they cover. With a combination of spunky columnists, vivid profiles and sassy commentary on the culture scene that keeps the South Sound percolating, the Weekly Volcano lives as a kind of collective urban diary. And groovy tour guide.

When readers climb between the swanky covers, they find a waking dream of film, theatre, art, fashion, and the best music section in the South Sound as well as the area's most comprehensive arts and music calendars. And the Weekly Volcano is easy to find, with more than 750 distribution points in the South Sound, reaching more than 100,000 readers every Thursday.

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