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ArtsKC Awards Honor Local Leadership in the Arts
2017 awards winners announced at 14th annual ArtsKC luncheon.

Kansas City Metro (February 23, 2017) — ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council announced today the honorees who were recognized at the 14th Annual ArtsKC Awards Luncheon – Electrify! for their extraordinary leadership in the arts and creative industries.

Awards honorees for their leadership in the arts in our civic and business sectors:

- Virtuoso Award – Lee Pentecost
- Advocate Award – Mark McHenry
- Education Award – DeLaSalle Education Center
- Innovator Award – The HALO Foundation
- Creative Impact Award – JE Dunn
- ArtsKC Fund Excellence Award – Bank of Blue Valley

Honoree recognized for his achievement and excellence in the arts:

- Special Lifetime Achievement Award – Paul Mesner

In advance of receiving the award, Mesner commented on what the award means to him: “I am thrilled and honored to be recognized by ArtsKC. I am very fortunate to have had such a long and gratifying career in Kansas City. I did none of this alone. Every step of the way I was supported by those who love the art form of puppetry, by those who simply love the arts, by the generous philanthropic community and the long-time support of many individuals.

About the ArtsKC – Regional Arts Council:

ArtsKC is a regional nonprofit arts council that promotes, supports and advocates for the arts across a five-county region. Our mission is to unleash the power of the arts for the benefit of the community. Visit artskc.org for more details about our organization and artskc.org/awards for more information on the luncheon.

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