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2017 Annual County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities Winners Announced

County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett will present eight community leaders with awards in recognition of significant contributions to Montgomery County's arts and cultural community during a special award ceremony held at the Round House Theater.

SILVER SPRING, MD (October 6, 2017) — The Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities. Established in 2002, these awards honor community leaders whose work in the cultural sector has made an impact in Montgomery County communities.

Among this year's award recipients of the County Executive's Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities is Lifetime Impact Award recipient Phillip Brown, Montgomery County Woodturners. The 2017 Lifetime Achievement award will be presented to Muriel "Mimi" Hom, Producer-Director and Founder of Opera International.

"This is truly one of my favorite events of the year. I get to pay tribute to some unbelievably talented and generous people and organizations," said Isiah "Ike" Leggett, County Executive of Montgomery County. "These individuals have made remarkable contributions to advance the arts and humanities in Montgomery County. They truly deserve our praise and admiration."

County Executive Ike Leggett and Mrs. Catherine Leggett will present these awards during a special ceremony that will include performances by Maryland Classic Youth Orchestras of Strathmore, Flying V Theatre, Metropolitan Youth Ballet, Bel Cantanti Opera, Jazz Encounters, and a screening from Gandhi Brigade Youth Media.

"We are thrilled to honor these incredibly gifted artists and scholars tonight and appreciate the power of the arts and humanities to bring grace, hope, understanding and perspective to our world," said

Suzan Jenkins, CEO of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County. “By celebrating these eight recipients this evening, we celebrate all that is right and beautiful in our community.”

The 2017 County Executive’s Awards for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities will be held on *Monday, November 6, 2016 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Round House Theater in Bethesda, Maryland*, located at 4545 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. This event is free and open to the public. Ticket reservations are required and can be made online [here](#).

The 2017 Award Recipients:

<i>Lifetime Achievement Award:</i>	Muriel "Mimi" Hom , Opera International
<i>Lifetime Impact Award:</i>	Phillip Brown , Montgomery County Woodturners
<i>Business or Individual Patron Award:</i>	Michael Angell , Paul. M Angell Family Foundation
<i>Community Award:</i>	Allison Weiss , Sandy Spring Museum
<i>Education Award:</i>	CREATE Arts Center
<i>Emerging Leader Award:</i>	Cassie Meador , Dance Exchange
<i>Outstanding Artist or Scholar Award:</i>	Chelsey Green , Recording Artist, The Green Project
<i>Volunteer Award:</i>	Elli Swink , Damascus Theatre Company

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About the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHC MC)

Established in 1976, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHC MC) is the County’s designated local arts agency. Our vision is to provide leadership that sustains arts and humanities organizations, artists and scholars and inspires participation in Montgomery County’s rich cultural assets. For more information about AHC MC, visit www.creativemoco.com or connect with AHC MC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).