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2023 South Carolina Arts Awards to broadcast on South Carolina ETV

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Through the continued partnership with the South Carolina Arts Commission (SCAC) and the University of South Carolina McKissick Museum, the 2023 South Carolina Arts Awards ceremony will air on South Carolina ETV (SCETV) on Sunday, May 14 at 8 p.m.

The ceremony will be broadcast through SCETV's 11-station TV network that spans the state. Viewers can access the broadcast via livestream on the [SCETV website](#); by using a digital antenna; or through cable, satellite and streaming live TV providers. [Further information about accessing SCETV is available here.](#)

South Carolina First Lady Peggy McMaster and executive director of the SCAC David T. Platts will be joint hosts of the South Carolina Arts Awards for the fourth year in a row. They will recognize seven award recipients: two receiving the Jean Laney Harris Folk Heritage Award and five receiving the South Carolina Governor's Award for the Arts.

McKissick Museum Executive Director Jane Przybysz will introduce each [Folk Heritage Award recipient](#):

- **Emily H. Meggett** (Edisto Island): artist category, Gullah Geechee cooking
- **Hampton Rembert** (Bishopville): artist category, gospel singing

Meggett will be recognized posthumously after her passing on April 21 at the age of 90.

Platts will introduce the five recipients of the [Governor's Award for the Arts](#):

- **Ray McManus** (Lexington): artist category
- **Carlos Agudelo** (Spartanburg): individual category
- **American College of the Building Arts** (Charleston): arts in education category
- **Aiken Center for the Arts** (Aiken): organization category
- **Nigel Redden** (Mystic, Connecticut): Special Award

The award recipients will be introduced to the audience through seven new short films by four South Carolina filmmakers: **Rick Fitts**, **Yulian Martínez-Escobar**, **Gavin McIntyre** and **Shae Winston**.

The pre-recorded ceremony production was led by SCETV executive producer William I. Richardson and an SCETV production team.

The South Carolina Arts Awards recognizes recipients of the highest honor the state gives in the arts. The ceremony honors South Carolina arts organizations, patrons, artists, members of the business community, and government entities who maximize their roles as innovators, supporters and advocates of the arts. The ceremony also recognizes practitioners and advocates of traditional arts significant to communities throughout the state.

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"The South Carolina Arts Awards showcases incredible imagination, self-expression and creative skill which goes hand-in-hand with SCETV's mission to share the diverse viewpoints and stories of South Carolinians. We are proud of the continued partnership with the South Carolina Arts Commission and the University of South Carolina McKissick Museum to broadcast this phenomenal awards ceremony once again." –**SCETV Interim President and CEO Dr. Stephanie Cook**

"We are thrilled that a ceremony recognizing contributions to the arts continues to be accessible to nearly all South Carolinians. Through our continued partnership with SCETV, the South Carolina Arts Commission

and McKissick Museum are able to showcase a ceremony that shares our appreciation for the arts with the great state of South Carolina.” –**SCAC Executive Director David T. Platts**

FAST FACTS:

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- South Carolina First Lady Peggy McMaster and executive director of the SCAC David T. Platts will be joint hosts of the South Carolina Arts Awards for the fourth year running.
- Seven award recipients will be recognized in various categories.

About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. Using television, radio and diverse digital properties, SCETV's mission is to enrich lives by educating children, informing and connecting citizens, celebrating our culture and environment and instilling the joy of learning. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms*, *Making It Grow*, *Palmetto Scene* and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *By The River*, *Expeditions*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Somewhere South*, *Yoga in Practice* and *Live from Charleston Music Hall*. In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.

About the University of South Carolina McKissick Museum

The University of South Carolina's McKissick Museum tells the story of southern life: community, culture, and the environment. The Museum is located on the University of South Carolina's historic Horseshoe with available parking in the garage at the corner of Pendleton and Bull streets. All exhibitions are free and open to the public. The Museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. The Museum is closed Sundays and university holidays. For more information, please call at 803.777.7251 or visit <https://sc.edu/mckissickmuseum>.

About the South Carolina Arts Commission

The mission of the South Carolina Arts Commission is to promote equitable access to the arts and support the cultivation of creativity in South Carolina. We envision a South Carolina where the arts are valued and all people benefit from a variety of creative experiences.

A state agency created by the South Carolina General Assembly in 1967, the SCAC works to increase public participation in the arts by providing grants, direct programs, staff assistance and partnerships in artist development, arts industry, arts learning, creative placemaking, and folklife and traditional arts. Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., the SCAC is funded by the state of South Carolina, by the federal government through the National Endowment for the Arts, and other sources. Visit SouthCarolinaArts.com or call 803.734.8696, and follow @scartscomm on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter for #Arts4SC and #SCartists content.

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