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## Colorado Creative Industries announces 2016 Governor's Creative Leadership award winners

**DENVER - Thurs., April 28, 2016** - Colorado Creative Industries (CCI) today announced that three nominees were selected to receive the 2016 Governor's Creative Leadership Award. The winners are **Tim Schultz** of Denver, **Maureen Hearty** of Joes, and **Francisco "Paco" Nevarez-Burgueño** of Carbondale. A total of 20 individuals were nominated for the 2016 awards.

The [Governor's Creative Leadership Awards](#) honor Coloradans who have demonstrated a significant commitment to the state's creative landscape through civic leadership and volunteerism including advocacy, vision, collaboration and innovation. Winners will receive an original work of art created by Glenwood Springs artist Vallee Noone.

"This award seeks out those that are providing selfless service within the creative sector in Colorado, and inspires others by honoring their process and celebrating achievements," said Margaret Hunt, Director of CCI.

### About the award winners:

**Tim Schultz**, Denver - Nominated by Julie Lerudis at the Boettcher Foundation in the arts and creative placemaking category for his lifetime commitment to advancing rural Colorado communities through projects including Rural Philanthropy Days, Space to Create Colorado and the Colorado Creative Districts program.

**Maureen Hearty**, Joes - Nominated by Debb Behrendsen in the arts and creative placemaking category for her work as a creative community builder. Maureen's work re-envisioning gathering spaces, creating community programming and preserving oral traditions through the *Voices of the Plains* project, has created transformative opportunities for residents of the Eastern Plains.

**Francisco "Paco" Nevarez-Burgueño**, Carbondale - Nominated by Zander Higbie in the arts and community action category for his commitment to developing the award-winning Ballet Folklorico program of Aspen Santa Fe Ballet. With Mexican folk dance as the vehicle, Paco promotes Latino cultural awareness and cultivates young leaders in the Roaring Fork Valley.

The winners will be honored at an awards luncheon on May 6, 2016 at the Orchard Carbondale in conjunction with the 5th Annual Creative Industries Summit. Tickets for the full Summit are \$150 and tickets for the luncheon only are \$40. For more information visit [coloradocreativeindustries.org/summit](http://coloradocreativeindustries.org/summit).

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Colorado Creative Industries, Colorado's state arts agency, is a division of the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. Established to capitalize on the immense potential for our creative sector to enhance economic growth in Colorado, the mission of Colorado Creative Industries is to promote, support and expand the creative industries to drive Colorado's economy, grow jobs and enhance our quality of life.

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