

CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS

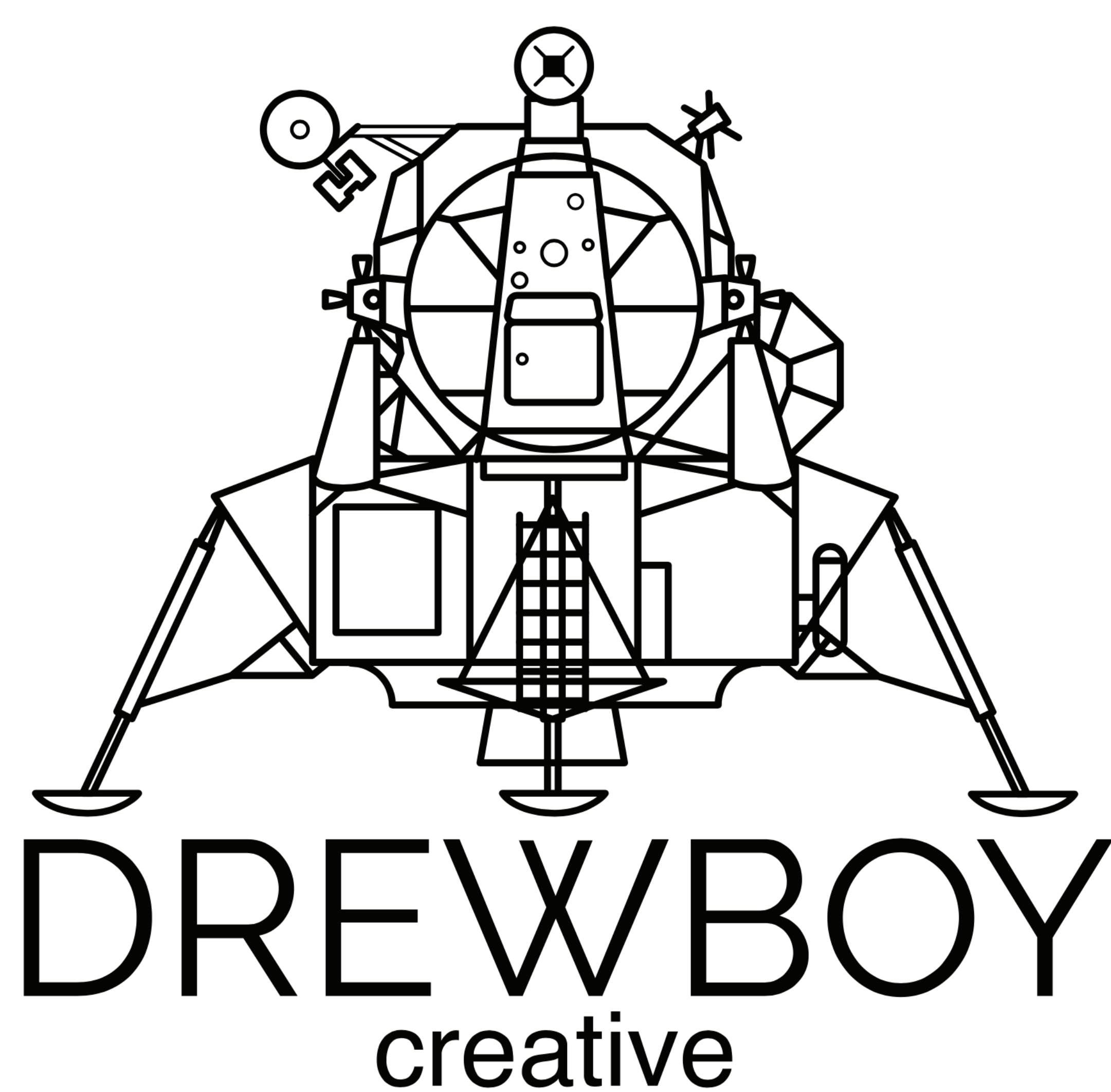
Award

The Richland Arts Commission accepts nominations for two annual awards to recognize local contributions made in support of the arts. These awards are intended to distinguish two recipients for their outstanding contribution and support of the arts in Richland, Washington. The awards are presented to one individual and to one organization (for profit or not-for-profit) annually. The award is made for the year prior.

2019 RECIPIENTS

DREWBOY CREATIVE

Davin Diaz, Founder



DrewBoy Creative has operated in Richland since 2015.

Since then, DrewBoy Creative has initiated over 35 art shows, two documentaries, and one book, with the mission "To improve the world we live in through art and creativity."

The events that DrewBoy Creative organizes include art exhibitions, juried shows, art fairs, film festivals, and other community events. These shows are produced with either one of two goals in mind: To promote or establish the DrewBoy Creative brand; or to promote and develop the Tri-Cities art community.

DrewBoy Creative prioritizes shows and activities that promote art from individuals who are emerging artists, people of diverse and marginalized backgrounds, or artists that challenge the traditional school of thought related to art. They provide a mentally, physically, and spiritually stimulating gallery that inspires and supports amateurs, outsiders, and professional artists, while welcoming audience members from all walks of life.

Future plans for DrewBoy Creative include a full schedule of exhibitions featuring local artists. The gallery is located 285 Williams Blvd and is open during Confluent Space business hours or by private appointment.

Hello, my name is Luke Ray and I have lived in Richland on and off since 1977.

I first began making art or being a creative when I was too young to write and would simply draw pictures of the words instead, it never seemed like anything difficult until adulthood when I started tattooing and noticed that I may have some uncommon skill artistically. I have now been a full time working artist for 15 years and am blessed to be able to live this life.

In 2019 along with a group of intrepid volunteers I started the Second Saturday art walk in the Uptown. As you can guess by its name it's held on the second Saturday, there is fresh local art, and its held in the Uptown Shopping Center. Last season we helped countless local artists show their work for the first time helping them grow as artists along with providing a community gathering for artists and those who appreciate art. Also, in support of the 70+ small businesses, our community at large, and the many events held at the Uptown I started the Uptowners Facebook group as a community information board for the Uptown and its denizens.

In the near future we are planning to expand the Second Saturday event to include a morning market to be held in the soon to be revitalized Uptown Alley. Fellow Uptowner Barefoot Randy is leading an effort to repaint the Uptown Alley and has a gallery in the alley consisting of art and whole murals painted on the walls already in progress. Finally, we plan to add an evening event with a Bumbershoot feel including music and entertainment to cap off the Second Saturday festivities drawing crowds from near and far.



LUKE RAY
Autonomous Tattoo
Second Saturday Art Walk

PAST RECIPIENTS

2018 – The Emerald of Siam | Adrienne Shields
2017 - Tri-Cities Steel Band Association | Patrick Fleming
2016 - Fox-Vance Family Foundation | Nancy Doran
2015 - HAPO | Robert Waltrous
2014 - Tri-Cities Chinese American Association | Debra Rogo
2013 - RPBI (Market at the Parkway) | Chuck Eaton

2012 - Tumbleweed Art Studio | Jo Brodzinski
2011 - Battelle | Justin Raffa
2010 - (not awarded) | Tom Powers
2009 - Columbia Center Rotary | Fred Dixon
2008 - Allied Arts Association | Artis Vaughan
2007 - (not awarded) | Jerry Greenfield