

2024 Winston-Salem Arts, Culture, Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame Nominations



City Council
Community
Development/Housing/General
Government Committee

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Winston Salem



Winston-Salem ACE Memorial Walk of Fame

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Winston-Salem ACE Memorial Walk of Fame

Background

- Created by the City Council in November 2015
- Recognizes deceased city residents who made significant contributions to the arts and entertainment industry
- Located on the Cherry Street sidewalk next to The Benton
- Selection limited to five nominations each year



Nomination Process

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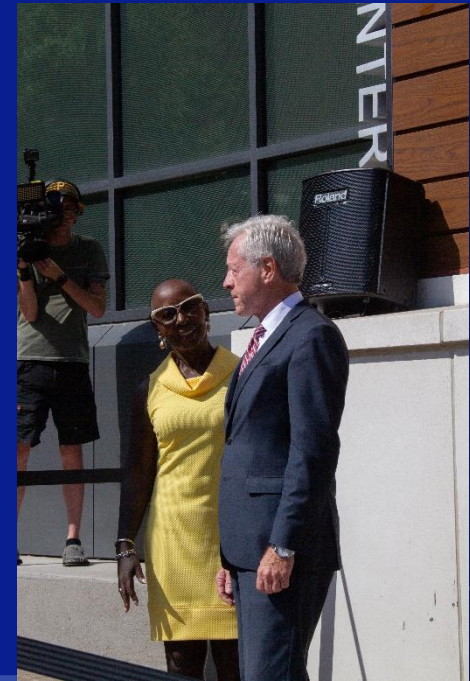
- Nomination process opens in January each year.
- Nominations reviewed by a diverse panel of citizens representing various artistic disciplines and fields within the entertainment industry.
- Review panel's recommendations considered by the Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee.
- Final approval by the Mayor and City Council.
- Annual budget of \$20,000 paid out of occupancy tax fund.



Nomination Criteria

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- Nominee is deceased.
- Was a resident of Winston-Salem for at least five years.
- Made a significant contribution to the arts and entertainment industry in one or more of the following areas: music, dance, theater, writing, visual arts, motion pictures, television, or radio.
- Exhibited sustained excellence in his or her field for at least five years.
- Made distinguished contributions to the community and civic-oriented participation.



2024 Nominees

Nominees	Category
Boo Frazier	Music
Charles Greene	Music/Motion Pictures
Prince McCoy	Music
Bonnie Poindexter	Music/Theater/Writing
Charles Vardell	Music

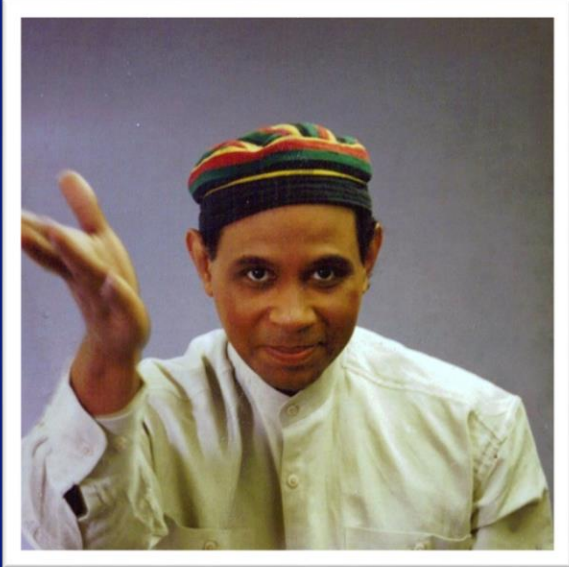


2024 Finalists

Finalists	Category
Charles Greene	Music/Motion Pictures
Bonnie Poindexter	Music/Theater/Writing
Charles Vardell	Music



Charles Greene



Accomplished songwriter and guitar player. He was a regular musician at worship services at Green Street United Methodist Church.

Member of The Versatiles band, which represents the lineage of Winston-Salem's rhythm and blues legacy in the 1960s and 1970s.

Greene had a role in the 1978 movie, *American Hot Wax*, about legendary DJ Alan Freed, which he appeared with Jay Leno, Tina Turner and The Supremes.



Bonnie Poindexter



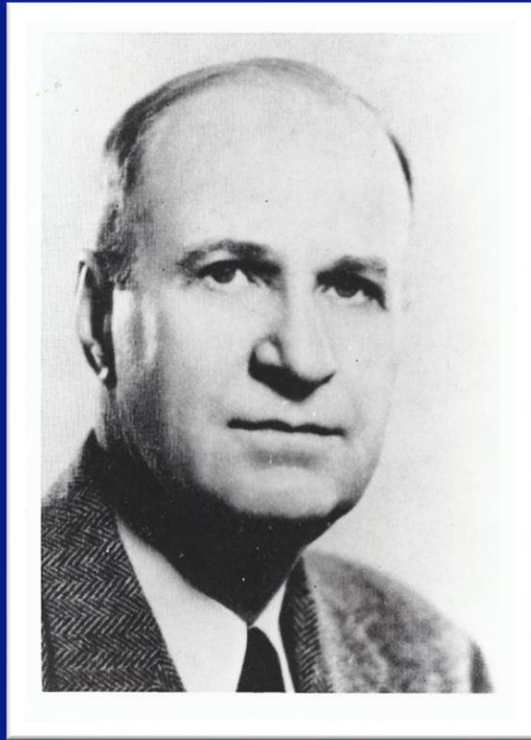
Executive Director of Piedmont Opera from 2007-2009. She raised money to produce "The Light in the Piazza" (the story of a tobacco family from Winston-Salem) on stage. In 2015, she won the Beverly Sills Award at Piedmont Opera for outstanding service.

Lifetime Achievement Award from Winston-Salem Urban League.

Co-founded Winston-Salem Youth Chorus and was on the board for many years.

Member of the Associated Artists of Winston-Salem. She volunteered at The Little Theater and sang in the Winston-Salem Symphony Coral.

Charles Vardell



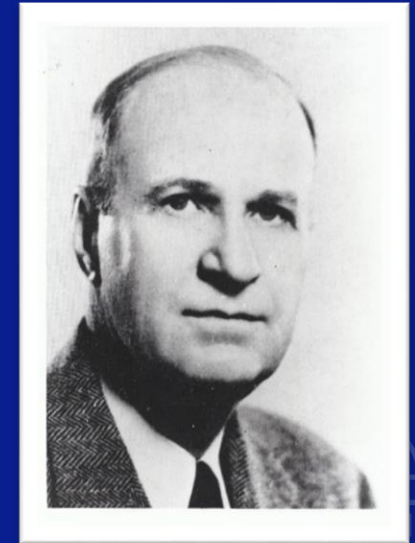
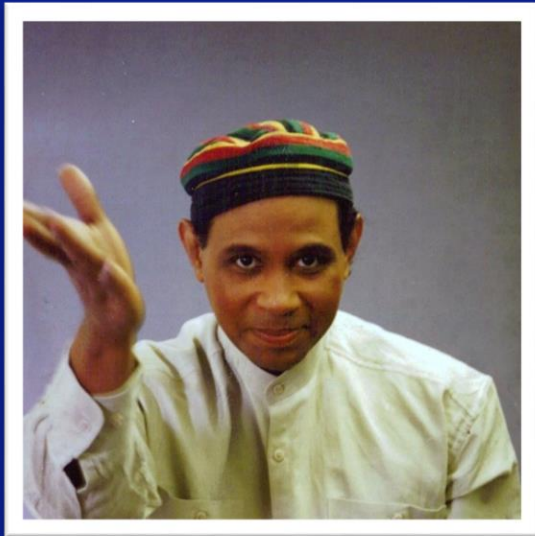
Vardell taught piano, organ, composition and orchestration Salem College in 1923 and became Dean of the School of Music in 1928. Under his leadership, Salem College became a member of the National Association of Schools of Music.

Vardell's symphony, "The Carolinian," was the first symphony by a North Carolinian to be performed by the Philadelphia Orchestra. Vardell won the Shirley cup for music composed by North Carolinians.

Vardell composed at least 112 individual works. The Moravian Music Foundation presently houses his works.



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Thank You

