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The ariZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence is pleased to announce that applications are currently being accepted for the **Outstanding Contribution Award (OCA)**, and the **Distinguished Service Award (DSA)**. Please refer to the guidelines in this letter when submitting nominees for any of these categories.

The **Outstanding Contribution Award** honors an individual from within the theatre community who has served in a profound way through personal investment of time, energy, vision and talent. This award can be bestowed upon administrators, directors, writers, producers, designers, actors, technicians, volunteers, support staff, or any individual involved in theatre who has made a considerable impact on theatre throughout the entire valley. Past recipients include individuals who have impacted youth, community and professional theater. July Rollins, the late David Wo, Helen K. Mason, David Saar, Kyle Lawson, Max McQueen, Val Stasik, David Barker, Matthew Weiner and Michael Barnard. All of these individuals have shown great vision for theatre in the Phoenix metropolitan area, and have been of exceptional service to theatre, individuals and the community at large.

The **Distinguished Service Award** honors an individual, corporation, or organization outside the established theatre community that has contributed either financially or non-traditionally, in support of local theatre, and its further recognition, security and growth in the Valley. The recipient needs to have impacted many and all types of theatres. Past recipients of this include Shelley Cohn for her advocacy on behalf of the arts in Arizona, Target for its financial contributions, Business Volunteers for the Arts for their dedication to the support of the theatre community, The Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust, The Phoenix Arts Commission, Alliance for Audiences and Durant Communications.

Attached you will find applications for both of these awards. Please feel free to copy the applications, and pass them on to other members of your theatre. We know there are many deserving individuals, businesses and corporations in our theatre community. **We hope that you will take the time to recognize someone in the community who has helped your theatre and many others find success.** For questions or further information visit our website at [www.arizoniawards.org](http://www.arizoniawards.org), or contact Awards Chairperson Karen at [karolston@cox.net](mailto:karolston@cox.net).

Send completed applications to:

**AriZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence, Awards Committee,  
Atten: Karen Roslton, Chair, 8559 East Ocaso Ave, Mesa, AZ 85212**

**All applications must be received by August 15, 2012.**

Thank you,  
Service Awards & Scholarship Committee  
AriZoni Theatre Awards of Excellence