

HEADLINES

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Rock Island Honored as “Arts Friendly” Community

Rock Island was one of two Illinois cities designated for the distinguished “Presidents’ Arts Friendly Community Award” for 2005. The award is presented by the [Illinois Arts Alliance Foundation](#) in collaboration with the Illinois Municipal League and Motorola Inc.



The award serves to highlight and promote municipal support of the arts in Illinois communities and to honor municipal leaders who have encouraged innovative approaches to using the arts to build healthy communities. The award showcases programs and projects that may be viewed as models or best practices for other communities.

Two Presidents' Awards are presented annually - one to a small community with population less than 10,000, and a second to a larger community. Awards for 2005 are listed below:

- *Presidents’ Award*
[City of Rock Island](#)
Mark Schwiebert, Mayor
- *Presidents' Award - Small Community*
[City of Prophetstown](#)
Bud Thompson, Mayor

Certificates of Honorable Mention were also awarded to the following communities:

Village of Addison
Village of Arlington Heights
Village of Bolingbrook
City of Carbondale
Village of Carol Stream
City of East Peoria
City of Effingham
City of Evanston
Village of Frankfort
City of Hickory Hills
City of Highland Park

Village of Hinsdale
Village of Hoffman Estates
City of Mattoon
City of McHenry
City of Mt. Vernon
Village of New Lenox
Village of Oak Park
Village of Richton Park
Village of Skokie
Village of Villa Park

For more information about the arts in Rock Island visit the Quad City Arts Website at www.quadcityarts.com