

## **FOURTH ANNUAL “KICK ASS” AWARDS TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

(St. Louis, MO) November 7, 2007—The fourth annual Kick Ass Awards will be held on Monday, November 26, 2007 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at Duff's (392 N Euclid Ave, St Louis, MO 63108) in the Central West End. This annual award is presented by 52<sup>nd</sup> City Magazine to 13 St. Louisans, collaborators and organizations, dedicated to quietly improving the civic life of this City and region. The free event will celebrate the works of the 12 nominees listed below – along with a special, mystery award going out to conclude the night. The Dock Ellis Band will perform.

### **2007 Winners**

- **Hamiet Bluiett:** renowned baritone saxophonist and co-founder of the Black Artist Group
- **Center for Women in Transition:** providing mentoring and support services to non-violent female offenders and their children
- **Bill Christman:** artist and owner of Joe's Café
- **The Dock Ellis Band:** purveyors of classic country music
- **Marti Frumhoff (posthumous):** real estate agent, urban activist, and founder of the St. Louis Rehabber's Club
- **Great Rivers Environmental Law Center:** providing public interest legal services to individuals and organizations working to protect and preserve Missouri's environment
- **Bernie Hayes:** author, professor, radio vet and all-around great guy
- **Local Harvest Grocery:** South City's hip new spot to shop and nosh
- **Lyndsey Scott:** artist and community activist
- **Dana Smith:** artist, found online at [www.asbestossister.com](http://www.asbestossister.com)
- **Jay Swoboda:** project manager of EcoUrban Homes, committed to health and sustainable construction
- **Josh Weinstein:** jazz advocate and host of KDHX's "All Soul, No Borders"

The Kick Ass Awards were launched in Austin, TX, in January 2004, by noted journalist, author and educator Spike Gillespie. An erstwhile St. Louisan, Spike gave out awards to deserving local folks who didn't always get a public nod of appreciation for the work they were doing around her community. The publishers of 52<sup>nd</sup> City Magazine and a small committee of volunteers selected the nominees for 2007.

- **Winners in 2006:** Bikeworks, Crossroads School, Karen Duffy, Scott Emanuel, Steve Ewing, K. Curtis Lyle, Non-Prophet Theatre Company, Studio STL, Tension Head, Brett Underwood, V-Vegas Style, Dough Whyte, and Jim Utz.
- **Winners in 2005:** Dylan Hassinger, Teresa Mithen, the Webster University Film Series, Peter Venezia, Pat Brannon, the Publishing Group, Ivy Cooper, John Burse, Michael R. Allen & Claire Nowak-Boyd, Ann Haubrich, Margie Newman & Alan Brunettin, Stephen & Sara Hale, and Cynthia Daly.
- **Winners in 2004:** Luigi Larhman, Fort Gondo Compound for the Arts, Maid Rite, Andrea Dunn, Mary Sue Rosenthal, Aaron Belz, Brandyn Jones, Andrea Avery, Kraig Schnitzmeier, Terrell Carter, MoKaBe's and the Alternative Music Pub.

### **ABOUT 52<sup>nd</sup> City Media**

52nd City Media is a cooperative venture of area artists and writers dedicated to developing, incubating and releasing diverse and experimental works of interest created by local talent. Our flagship publication is 52nd City Magazine—a quarterly arts and literature publication devoted to a particular theme. An online issue of the magazine is posted quarterly, exploring the same theme, but with unique content from the printed version. For more information, visit [www.52ndcity.com](http://www.52ndcity.com).

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