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## Detroit presents medals to longtime arts figures in inaugural awards ceremony

### Duante Beddingfield

Detroit rang in a new tradition Tuesday when it paid tribute to a formidable slate of local arts figures during the city's first ACE Honors ceremony.

Spearheaded by the City's Department of Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship (ACE), the event was devised by ACE Director Rochelle Riley as a way to celebrate artists and arts patrons who have contributed 25 or more years of exceptional service to the region.

"It's interesting, around the country and around the world, the recognition that's given to the creative talent coming out of the city," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "We have not always celebrated it as thoroughly as we should have."

Riley said the award recipients are people "who have given lifetimes to the creative genius that has made Detroit what it is to people around the world."

In future years, there will be five annual honorees, but the inaugural event saw 16 Detroit ACE Honors medals distributed for arts figures both living and deceased.

- **Tyree Guyton**, neo-expressionist artist, 2009 Kresge Artist Fellow and creator of the internationally renowned Heidelberg Project. Guyton studied at the College for Creative Studies and was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine art. He has been featured at the Detroit Institute of Arts, the University of Michigan Museum of Art and the Studio Museum of Harlem as well as in the Emmy Award-winning documentary "Come Unto Me: The Faces of Tyree Guyton."



Tyree Guyton poses in the middle of Heidelberg street as a symbolic gesture of taking his project back to it's infancy in August 2016. Jessica J. Trevino, Detroit Free Press