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Acadiana Arts Council honors three artists, three patrons

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LAFAYETTE — The Acadiana Arts Council honored three artists and three patrons of the arts during the 11th annual Acadiana Arts Awards Ceremony Friday evening.

**Author** cruiser Dixon received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Songwriter and artist Lillian April received the Distinguished Artist award, and Musician guitar legend Paul "Lil Rock" St Angelo received the Acadiana Bluegrass Award.

**Acadiana High School**'s Earle McDonald received the Arts in Education Award through Northern State Arts and the Arts in Business Award, and actor Bob Wright received the Acadiana Acting Award for his performance of "Shawshank Redemption."

Guitar is a native of rural Pointe Coupee Parish and has served as executive director at UL Lafayette.

He is the author of six music books, including "The History of Acadiana Music," and two books written by his father, Louis Dixon, about the life of blues guitar and television documentary.

He has received honorary doctorate degrees from eight universities, including Louisiana State University, Louisiana Tech University, Ole Miss College of Law, and the位在旧金山的Alcatraz. These awards and letters from the government of France.

"It's a surprising and unexpected honor," said Todd Monson, a community development coordinator for the arts council. "It's great to see the dedication of so many artists, especially those who work behind-the-scenes, with students at local elementary and secondary schools, as well as the community."

Lindsey, a Lafayette native who also went to Louisiana Tech University, was honored for her contributions to the arts, having visual and performing.

"She's someone we would love to expand their influence and create more opportunities through her hard work and dedication to the arts," Monson said.

"Her career is marked by her thoughtful arrangement in the areas of the arts," she said.

Wright, a native of Lafayette, and actor Bob Wright have received the Acadiana Acting Award for his performance of "Shawshank Redemption."

"Bob McDonald is known for his work in the community, and his success has been recognized by the state, his community, and his dedication to the arts," Monson said.

"The arts community is so grateful for his contributions to the arts," she said.

"We call on all of our friends and supporters to support the arts, the community, and our organizations," Monson said.

"This is an opportunity for all of us to come together to support the arts and give back to the community," McDonald said.