

Recent Awards: 2016—**National Medal for Museum and Library Service** from the Institute for Museum and Library Services

2016—**Silver MUSE Award for Audio Tours and Podcasts** for Chicago Authored from the American Alliance of Museums

2016—**Best of Weddings Hall of Fame** from the Knot

2016—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2015—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2014-- **Richard Martin Exhibition Award** for Inspiring Beauty: 50 Years of Ebony Fashion Fair from the Costume Society of America

2014—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2013-- **Special Distinction Award for Community Engagement** for Out in Chicago from the American alliance of Museums

2013—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2013—**Best 2013 Award** from Illinois Meeting + Events Magazine

2012—**Honorable Mention MUSE Award for Video, Film & Computer Animation** for Out in Chicago from the American Alliance of Museums

2012—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2011—**Community Spirit Award** from the Center on Halsted

2011—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2011—**Best 2011 Award** from Illinois Meeting + Events Magazine

2010—**Gold MUSE Award for Audio and Visual Tours** for Imagining Lincoln and Juarez from the American Association of Museums

2010—**Honorable Mention MUSE Award for Video** for The Fiery Trial from the American Association of Museums

2010—**Inducted into the Chicago Gay and Lesbian Hall of Fame**

2009—**Esteem Award for Special Recognition** for Out At CHM from Prideindex

2008-09—**Best of Weddings Pick** from the Knot

2008—**Best 2008 Award** from Illinois Meeting + Events Magazine

2008--**Gold MUSE Award for Teaching and Outreach, Published Resources, and Best of the Web in Education** for Great Chicago Stories from the American Association of Museums

2008—**Outstanding Corporate Partner** from HFS Chicago Scholar

2007—**City of Chicago Green Museums Certification** from the City of Chicago

2007—**Contributor to Lincoln Park Award** from the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce

2006—**Illinois Centennial Award and Illinois Centennial Corporation Certification** from the Illinois State Historical Society

2005—**Honorable Mention MUSE Award for Interpretation and Education in History and Culture** for Clubs, Bedroom, and Work from the American Association of Museums

2005—**Award of Excellence** for Teen Chicago from the American Association of Museums