The Awards Convocation is one of MIT’s largest awards ceremonies, drawing on offices, departments, and people from across the Institute including the arts, athletics, student life, academics, alumni, staff, faculty, and students.

Below is pertinent information regarding the award, the award coordinator’s name, the selection committee, and how the nominees are selected. If you have specific questions about an award please contact the award coordinator.

**Award Name:** The Laya W. and Jerome B Wiesner Student Art Award

**Award Coordinator Title:** Director, Council for the Arts at MIT

**Managing DLC:** Office of the Arts

**Award is for:** The Laya and Jerome B. Wiesner Student Art Awards are presented annually to individual students (undergraduate or graduate) or MIT groups (e.g., living groups, organizations, or activities) for outstanding arts-related contributions to the MIT community.

**How are nominations reviewed:** Nominations are reviewed internally to confirm eligibility of the nominees. Depending on the quality and number of nominations received, the Selection Committee may receive a short list of nominations for consideration.

**Selection criteria:** Nominees should display a strong commitment to the arts as reflected by their participation in and leadership contributions to arts-related activities and organizations at MIT; the impact of those contributions and achievements on the MIT community; and the potential of their contributions to have a lasting impact at MIT.

MIT community members who are considering nominating individual student candidates based on significant contributions to a single student-led arts organization are encouraged to consider nominating the organization as an entity in recognition of the collective contributions and involvement of an organization’s leadership team and membership.

Nominators are invited to consult with the Director of the Council of the Arts at MIT with questions.

**How are recipients selected:** The Student Art Awards Selection Committee reviews and evaluations nominations in light of the award criteria. Their recommendation is presented to the Executive Director of Arts Initiatives for final endorsement.
Selection committee titles: The selection committee is co-chaired by the Director of the Council for the Arts at MIT, which is an arts advisory group made of alumni and friends of MIT who support the arts, and a member of the Council’s Executive Committee. Additional Committee members include members of the Office of the Arts' student programs team, arts faculty and arts program staff from across the Institute; previous prize winners are also invited to serve on the selection committee.

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