THE CHAMBER OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY
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SCHENECTADY BUSINESS AWARDS
NOMINATION FORM

To be considered, an organization or individual should not have received an award at this event in the past 10 years.
To view previous award recipients, visit: https://bit.ly/2XwdyJt
Nominees must be a member in good standing of the Capital Region Chamber.
Nominations will be accepted through 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

The awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at the Glen Sanders Mansion.

Award Nominee

Organization Name Schenectady Light Opera Company

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Award Category

Please select *one* category below. If you would like the individual or organization to be considered for more than one category, please submit a separate application for each. The Selection Committee reserves the right to re-categorize your application.

- ○ **Rising Star / Outstanding New Business Award:** Recognizes a business in operation three years or less that demonstrates commitment to the community and exhibits potential for long-term success.
- ○ **Business Innovation Award:** Recognizes a business that has utilized innovation to develop a new market, product or service.
- ○ **Enterprise of the Year Award:** Recognizes a business that has distinguished itself through strong management and sustained growth.
- ○ **Business Leader Award**: Recognizes an individual for exemplary business acumen, leadership and results.
- ● **Renaissance Award**: Recognizes a business, organization or group for a project that contributes to the ongoing revitalization of Schenectady County.

SCHENECTADY BUSINESS AWARDS NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Selection Committee bases its decision on the information provided on this nomination form.
We encourage you to provide complete answers and detailed information.

Briefly explain why this company/individual should receive this award *(attach additional page if necessary)*:

1. Why are you are nominating this individual or organization?

I am nominating Schenectady Light Opera Company ("SLOC") for the Renaissance award because, for the past 93 years, SLOC has been a constant and stalwart non-profit musical theater organization in Schenectady. As one of, if not the oldest volunteer-run community musical theater organization in the region, SLOC has weathered the Great Depression, numerous wars (with the exception of WW2 in which SLOC disbanded briefly due to a shortage of male members), the economic crash of 2008, and many other social, political and economic events that many organizations did not survive. It is the love of theater and the time, effort and funding that SLOC volunteers and patrons have so selflessly given over almost a century that has allowed SLOC to contribute to the ongoing revitalization of Schenectady County.

2. Describe how this person or organization meets each of the criteria for the respective award category

In 2010, SLOC purchased a several buildings from the Albany Catholic Diocese that were St John the Baptist, between Franklin and Liberty Streets in Schenectady. This was a major undertaking in order to have sufficient space for performing, rehearsal, storage of costumes and equipment, on-site office and meeting needs, live-in property manager, rentals, plus parking and future additions for set construction and storage. After SLOC purchased its new home, the Northeast Ballet Company ("NEB") also needed a new home and moved in as a lease tenant in October 2010. This fit the vision SLOC's Board and members had of creating a small performing arts complex for local groups. NEB has expanded their lease space as they have grown in the SLOC performing arts complex. SLOC has also expanded its resources to offer youth the opportunity to develop their performing, technical and artistic skills with productions and workshops. Since 2010, SLOC has sold nearly 60,000 tickets to its events, contributing to tourism, patronage of Schenectady businesses and restaurants, and the cultural revitalization of Schenectady County.

Nominator Information

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How should the nominee be contacted about the results? ○ I will contact ◉ Chamber should contact

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