

# ARTS AWARDS FINALISTS

Ten manufacturers and eight showrooms will represent the lighting categories at the 28th Annual ARTS Awards, presented during a gala event on Jan. 20, 2017 in Dallas.

## LIGHTING FIXTURES

### CRYSTORAMA

For more than 50 years, Crystorama has been recognized in the industry for distinctive lighting creations that are exceptional in quality, design and craftsmanship. The company was honored by the home furnishings industry as the top lighting fixture manufacturer at the 26th Annual ARTS Awards. Drawing upon its knowledge and expertise, and inspired by fashion and art, Crystorama continues to innovate with modern shapes, materials and colors.

"We are truly honored

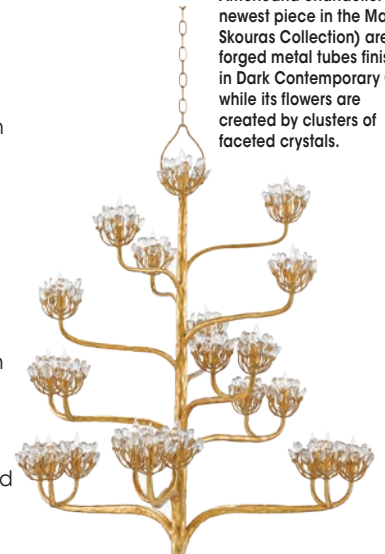
to be nominated once again by such an esteemed group of our home industry peers," says Brad Kleinberg, President. "The ART organization is such a wonderfully unique group. Not only can you network with prominent home furnishings industry professionals, but ART also recognizes and rewards the industry's best of the best."



Industrial style fuses with modern sophistication in the company's popular Luna Collection.

### CURREY & CO.

Currey & Co. is a manufacturer of distinctive home furnishings headquartered in Atlanta. Founded by Robert Currey in 1988, the company is best known for its vibrant collection of lighting products, along with accessories, furniture, rugs, upholstery and garden furniture. "Being recognized with an ARTS Award nomination is a significant milestone for any company," says Bob Ulrich, Senior Vice President. "We are in a very competitive and creative industry where our customers have many options. Being nominated is confirmation of all of our efforts to be a leader within our industry." Currey products are sold by sales representatives throughout the United States and internationally. Product designs are inspired by natural materials, a keen interest in historic influences, fashion and product integrity.



The branches of the Agave Americana chandelier (the newest piece in the Marjorie Skouras Collection) are hand-forged metal tubes finished in Dark Contemporary Gold, while its flowers are created by clusters of faceted crystals.

### FEISS

For more than 60 years, Feiss has offered the lighting industry a broad range of stylish and classic lighting fixtures that add sophistication to spaces from traditional to rustic and transitional to contemporary. Feiss sources superior materials and delivers outstanding craftsmanship such as artisan-applied finishes, crystals of all shapes and sizes, distinctive glass treatments, natural woods and stone. "We're so honored to be nominated for an ARTS Award," says Matt Vollmer, Chief Sales Officer and President, Generation Brands.

"It recognizes the work our designers, engineers and all our employees continually do to enrich the Feiss brand, and similarly, the hard work of our sales reps and customers who successfully sell Feiss products. It's especially meaningful to us because the nomination comes from our peers in the industry."



The modern, oversized orb of the Oberlin pendant by Feiss is dramatically adorned with graduated clear Rondure beads and finished with a larger clear Rondure accent.

## FINE ART LAMPS

Founded in 1940, this U.S. manufacturer serves an international clientele with galleries in more than 70 countries around the world. Fine Art Lamps represents the vision of more than 200 skilled designers, craftspeople, artists and associates working together to create unique works of art — an intricate blend of Old World tradition melded with New World innovation providing designer lighting fixtures.

"We are extremely honored for this nomination," says John Pugh, Vice President of Sales. "Being recognized by our industry colleagues is a great source of pride, especially when considering the other nominees."



Available in Silver Leaf or Patinated Bronze, the state-of-the-art LED pendant in Gold Leaf finish, created by acclaimed interior designer Allison Paladino, incorporates an exclusive studio process of dichroic rough-cut sculpted glass.

## HUBBARDTON FORGE



The Celesse pendant can be personalized with a choice of Soft Gold or Vintage Platinum finish on the aluminum rings.

Hubbardton Forge's team of designers takes inspiration from everywhere — the natural world, art, architecture and their own innate sense of form and function. "I think Bob Dillon, our CEO, said it best," says Jeanne-Marie Gand, Vice President of Marketing. "It's the recognition of the work of 225 artisans, craftspeople and the entirety of our staff in making wonder happen in a little town called Castleton,

VT. The pride in American craftsmanship is palpable when you step inside Hubbardton Forge. To have that effort recognized by the premiere organization in our industry is something that our employees appreciate."

## LAMPS

### VISUAL COMFORT & CO.

In business since 1987, Visual Comfort & Co. has produced a broad assortment of lighting, many with influential names in design attached to them. Using natural materials and distinctive hand-applied, living finishes, Visual Comfort feels that quality lighting is expressive and should be well-suited to the customer's wanted environment. The company has been honored with multiple ARTS Awards and nominations.



CTTL4171W Hollywood table lamp makes a geometric statement.

### COUTURE LAMPS

Couture Lamps is a five-year-old Arkansas-based company, specializing in artisan-crafted lamps and home furnishings designed by an in-house design team. When possible, Couture uses a mix of natural elements and materials. "Having received our fourth nomination in the portable lighting category at the ARTS Awards, Couture appreciates the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us get to this great honor," says Todd Sawvelle, founder and Creative Director. "We are deeply appreciative to be part of such a wonderfully creative community committed to bringing beautiful and exceptionally made products into people's homes."



The Vergato table lamp showcases a soft spiral of sparkling clear hand-blown glass infused with a juiced teal tincture.

### DIMOND LIGHTING

Dimond Lighting originated from the desire to transcend the boundaries of innovation and style. Its lamp designers carefully select the appropriate materials for each design — with lamp bodies utilizing materials ranging from cast metals, embossed ceramics, mouth-blown and textured glass and carved woods. "The ARTS Award nomination has provided us with a necessary reflection point to

study and recognize the collective efforts of our team," says CEO Bradford Smith. "Emma Lowry has done a phenomenal job of leading the design team at Dimond Lighting."



The Celene lamp's clear selenite orb sits upon a crystal cube.

### JOHN-RICHARD

The John-Richard design team transforms global inspirations into breathtaking collections; distinctive furniture, artisan-crafted accessories, unique lighting, mirrors and wall art that make powerful style statements. "The ARTS Award is the premiere award for excellence in our industry," says Alan Galbraith, President of John-Richard. "The Award is based on a multitude of criteria that enable the nominees to highlight their excellence in multiple categories."

### UTTERMOST



Arona table lamp has tapered, subtly seeded Ash Gray glass accented with oxidized, bronze-plated iron details. The round hardback drum shade is a chocolate gray linen.

This year marks the 41st anniversary of Uttermost being in business. In the fall of 2015, the company introduced a high-design line, Revelation by Uttermost, which focuses on natural materials, large-scale and transitional pieces. "Uttermost is humbled and truly honored by this recognition," says Mac Cooper, President/CEO. "Credit should go to so many including the teams in the factories, offices, sales force, [etc.] Growing our lamp line over the years has been incredibly rewarding and fun for us."

## EAST/ATLANTIC LIGHTING SHOWROOMS

### ELEMENTS - DISTINCTIVE LIGHTING & HOME FURNISHINGS



Opening its doors in 1979, the family-owned and operated showroom, Elements - Distinctive Lighting & Home Furnishings located in central Long Island, NY, caters to retail and trade professionals, providing a diverse product mix of lighting, accent furniture, accessories, art, mirrors and florals. The more than 18,000-square-foot showroom calls itself a destination, which focuses on home décor lifestyle vignettes. "Our truly innovative and creative staff is the backbone to Elements' success and growth," says Brian Kleinberg, President. "Being nominated validates all our hard work, and it is an honor to be recognized."

### THE SYMPHONY OF LIGHT

The Symphony of Light offers customers a variety of decorative lighting, ceiling lights, wall lights and outdoor lights in a unique 18,000-square-foot showroom located in Dedham, MA. The innovative showroom also boasts a large display of Schonbek crystal fixtures. Offering free freight and free delivery within a 25-mile radius of the store, The Symphony of Light also offers customer loyalty cards that can be shared with friends and family.

## MIDWEST/SOUTHWEST LIGHTING SHOWROOMS

### FERGUSON BATH, KITCHEN & LIGHTING GALLERY



Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery in Conroe, TX, displays a selection of appliances, and kitchen and bath products. The state-of-the-art showroom invites

customers to explore products in a hands-on environment through interactive displays, inspirational vignettes and an LED lighting lab. American Lighting Assn.-certified lighting experts are on site to assist. "While lighting is one of the core products categories we offer in our showrooms, we made a concerted effort over the past few years to showcase our dedication to the lighting industry in a beautiful and informative way," says Bernadette Campbell, National Lighting Manager.

### LIGHTING ETC.



Lighting Etc. is a third-generation, faith-based, family-owned and operated showroom in North Richland Hills, TX. Lighting Etc.'s extensive

display, which they refer to as "Living Pinterest," is thought to be one of the largest in Tarrant County, showcasing almost 4,000 pieces from more than 50 manufacturers. Their goal is to make sure that their customers truly "see" all the options and possibilities that are available to them, and then walk them through each step of the process, from proper proportion, to meeting their functional requirements, as well as staying within their budget. "It is amazing to have been nominated and named a finalist for the ARTS Award," says Denise Duncan, General Manager. "We are thankful and humbled to be a part of this process, which reflects the best of the best in our industry."

## METRO LIGHTING

In business since 1967, Metro Lighting is the Midwest's premiere retail and commercial lighting company, offering a wide selection of lighting, ceiling fans, home furnishings and accessories at six family-operated lighting centers throughout St. Louis and Cape Girardeau. A six-time Energy Star™ Award winner, Metro Lighting offers Energy Star and energy-efficient products, the latest in LED and other energy-saving options for the home. Maintaining a high level of community involvement is a purposeful goal at Metro Lighting, employing more than 150 people as well as participating in over 50 charitable endeavors each year that primarily benefit women and children. "It's such an honor to be nominated by our vendors for this prestigious award," says owner Brill Frisella. "We work so hard day in and day out to offer our customers a beautiful, ever-changing showroom to shop for lighting and accessories, and it is very inspiring for this to be acknowledged."



## WEST LIGHTING SHOWROOMS

### LIGHTING UNLIMITED



Nestled in the foothills of Northern California, Lighting Unlimited has been in business since 1989. In September 2014, the business was purchased by Chuck Noble, who led his team of 11 to transform the business into a destination lighting showroom. "It is always nice to be recognized, but it means much more when the recognition comes from your industry peers," Noble says. "This type of recognition gives us even more motivation and confidence to continue to strive to do better."

### ACCENT LIGHTING



Accent Lighting has been very fortunate in regard to recognition. The 5,000-square-foot showroom located in Lake Oswego, OR, won an ARTS Award last year and was recognized in the Revenue Under \$5 Million category at the 2016 Showroom of the Year Awards. Offering Oregon's only American Lighting Assn.-certified Lighting Consultants®, showroom owner Bob Warmbold, feels proud to be recognized by the industry.

"I take great pride in my company for the knowledge that my staff possesses," Warmbold says. "Customers come to our showroom to get answers about lighting dilemmas they face in their homes. We have solutions that will solve these problems and make the project a success."

### PHILLIPS LIGHTING & HOME



An ARTS Award winner in 2005, the recession and housing crisis hit Phillips Lighting & Home hard, necessitating a change in its retail platform and reinvention of its business. In 2011, the company moved to a smaller 9,000-square-foot store. "After nearly 70 years in the community, we didn't want to let anyone down," says Chuck Arnold, owner. "We

continue to evolve our product mix a bit, but the customer treatment and family atmosphere endures and contributes to our everyday success." The company says while it's thrilled to be honored, it's not so much about being recognized as it is about wanting to help its customers achieve the home environment they are seeking.