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Three from South Jersey to be honored by the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia

Three Camden County residents will be honored for their volunteer contributions to the arts and cultural sector at Arts Magnifique, the Annual Awards of the [Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia](#) on Friday, April 29.

Carolyn Picciotti of West Berlin is being honored as this year's [Business Volunteer for the Arts](#), Joseph DiStefano of Voorhees has been named the [Technology Connector of the Year](#) and Michael Fein, Esq. of Cherry Hill is the [Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyer for the Arts \(PVLA\) Lawyer of the Year](#).

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia brings together business leaders with arts and culture groups for mutual benefit.

Picciotti, the principal in her own consulting firm, has been active with the Business Volunteers for the Arts program since its inception in 1981. She is being recognized this year particularly for her work with the Wood Turning Center in Philadelphia for which she led a strategic planning process.

"Carolyn has been tremendously influential in moving us forward and preparing the Wood Turning Center to grow in positive directions," says Albert LeCoff, Co-Founder and Executive Director.

[PECO](#) sponsors this award.

Joseph DiStefano is being honored for leading a Strategic Technology Planning Project for the Pennsylvania Horticulture Society, known for the producing the Philadelphia International Flower Show. Serving as the volunteer project leader, DiStefano gave over 85 hours of his time, which is estimated to equal \$21,250.

"The perception may have been that I was 'giving something back' when in fact it was I who received the greatest benefit including a sense of accomplishment and the development of new friendships," says DiStefano.

DiStefano is a senior sales consultant with Dimension Data North America. [Comcast](#) sponsors the Technology Connector of the Year Award.

Michael Fein has been involved with PVLA since the year 2000 although one case this year may have been his biggest as a volunteer. A T-shirt design featuring a rendering of Michael Jackson by two young artists (Print Liberation) was included in a suit by the late-superstar's licensing company. Fein quickly stepped in and ultimately got the case against his defendants dismissed.

"Michael is a gold star attorney who's always enthusiastic and willing to take cases," says Karen B. Davis, President and CEO of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia.

Fein is a member of the law firm [Cozen O'Connor](#). The PVLA Award is sponsored by [Saul Ewing](#).

Sponsored this year by [KPMG](#) and [Safeguard Scientifics](#), the Arts & Business Council Awards Luncheon will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and draws approximately 1,400 people annually.

The Arts & Business Council of Greater Philadelphia matches business leaders with arts and culture programs for mutual benefit (www.artsandbusinessphila.org). This year's Awards Luncheon, sponsored by KPMG and Safeguard Scientifics, will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

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