

# Commission on Human Rights

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## **KY Human Rights Commission to hold 2012 Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame Inductions October 17**

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The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights will hold its Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame 2012 Inductions Ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m. (EDT), at the historic Lyric Theatre, 300 E. Third Street, Lexington, Ky., 40508. A reception will follow from 4 to 5 p.m.

The public is invited to the free event. However, seating is limited, and advance registration is required. To register or ask for more information, call commission representative Cynthia Fox at 1.800.292.5566 or 502.595.4024, ext. 18.

People from all over the state have nominated 33 candidates to the Hall of Fame this year. Inductees will be announced at the ceremony. (See the attached flyer for names of inductees)

Renee Shaw, news personality and host of "Connections with Renee Shaw" of the Kentucky Educational Television (KET) network, will officiate at this year's ceremony, and Commission Executive Director John J. Johnson, Chair George W. Stinson and other Kentucky Human Rights commissioners will participate. There will be musical and other performances.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights has produced the Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame since the year 2000 when it introduced the program at the commission's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The commission has held inductions on a periodic basis since 2000. An independent, volunteer panel of judges will choose from among the nominees the inductees who will be recognized in October.

The Kentucky Civil Rights Hall of Fame recognizes activists in Kentucky who have fought and sacrificed to accomplish civil and human rights for all people within the state and beyond. Nominees represent present and past eras, may be living or deceased, and have served as role models for equality and justice.

The Kentucky Commission on Human Rights is the state government authority that enforces the laws that make discrimination illegal such as the Kentucky Civil Rights Act and the U.S. Civil Rights Act. The Kentucky Civil Rights Act protects people from discrimination in the areas of

housing, employment, public accommodations and financial transactions. The Act prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age in the area of employment for people age 40 years and over, disability, familial status in the area of housing, which protects people with children under age 18 years and pregnant women, and tobacco-smoking status in the area of employment.

For help with discrimination and to make a discrimination complaint, contact the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights at 1.800.292.5566. To ask for civil rights compliance training for a community, business or other organization, contact the commission. To learn about civil rights, visit the commission webpage at [www.kchr.ky.gov](http://www.kchr.ky.gov) . From the website, link to the commission Facebook or Twitter pages for news and announcements affecting people who are members of protected classes.

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