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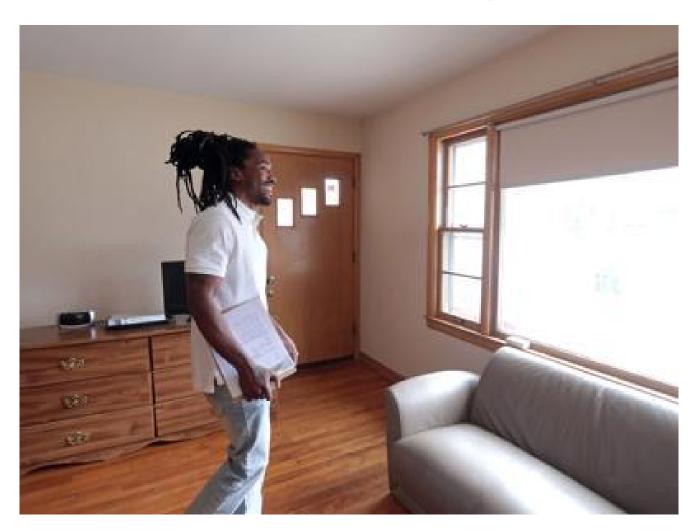
Arts, community and hospitality: 'Silver Lining Award' winners announced

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One winner **helps formerly homeless men get back on their feet**. Another **brought jazz back** to a community starved for it during the pandemic.



Rodney Alexander, president and co-founder of the Umbrella Transition Program, in one of the housing units the program provides for formerly homeless men. Alexander and 19 others were recognized with a Silver Lining Award Thursday night by the Friends of the Madison Arts Commission.

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Twenty individuals and organizations were honored Thursday evening during the Silver Lining Awards ceremony at the Garver Feed Mill.

Created by the **Friends of the Madison Arts Commission**, the Silver Lining Awards recognize some of those in the local arts, community and hospitality sectors who have innovated and gone above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic to fulfill their missions.

Four of the nominees were profiled in Sunday's Wisconsin State Journal.

Details about others can be found at

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The 2022 Silver Lining Award winners are:

- LunART
- Rob Dz/Mad Lit
- Monroe Street Arts Center
- Blue Stem Jazz

- Dane Arts
- Celia Klehr/Forward Theatre Company
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- Rowan Childs/Madison Reading Project
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