



The **Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Award** was established in 2016 by the Rotary Club of the Classic City of Athens to recognize and celebrate the creative talents of songwriters of all genres of music living in the greater Athens community. The award, named in honor of the internationally acclaimed local singer/songwriter Vic Chesnutt, serves to celebrate the Classic City's storied tradition of song, to reward honesty and bravery in songwriting, and to honor and promote Athens' finest songwriters. Nominations for the 2018 award are open through March 31, 2018, for a song released during 2017, at the online nomination site. Additional information about the award and event is online at <https://tinyurl.com/VicChesnutt2018>.

The award will be presented at an **awards ceremony event**, Thursday, May 17, 2018, at [The Foundry](#) in downtown Athens. The event begins with a VIP reception, then features several hours of live music performances, both by the award finalists and other talented Athens-area musicians. The event is open to the public; general admission tickets (\$10) will be available from The Foundry and VIP reception tickets (\$30) from Classic City Rotary.

Funds raised from the event are used to award the cash prize to the Songwriter of the Year, to benefit [Nuci's Space](#) (a local non-profit health and resource center for musicians), and to support the [Classic City Rotary Club's](#) humanitarian and community service activities, which include local efforts to promote the arts, to support literacy and education (in partnership with Books for Keeps, JJ Harris Elementary School, and more), to eradicate hunger, and to enhance the outdoors. Last year, Classic City Rotary provided over \$13,000 and hundreds of hours of service on some fifteen initiatives ranging from supporting Athens musicians, to polio eradication, tree planting and recycling, hurricane disaster relief, and food insecurity. Classic City Rotary has applied for 501c3 non-profit status, allowing tax-deductible donations.

Sponsorships are available to help support the event; see below. Sponsorship checks should be made payable to Classic City Rotary Club and mailed to P. O. Box 48415 Athens, GA 30604.

For more information: Contact Classic City Rotary President-Elect, Charlie Fleming, charlesfleming91@gmail.com. Details are also linked from www.classiccityrotary.org.

Register Sponsorships online at:

<https://classiccityrotary.wufoo.com/forms/vic-chesnutt-award-sponsorships/>

Vic Chesnutt Songwriter of the Year Award Sponsorship Information

Please select from below or online:

_____ **“Headliner-Level” Sponsorship – \$5,000 or above**

- Dedicated display or banner at the May 17 event
- Business/Sponsor recognized from the podium at the May 17 event
- Business/Sponsor name or logo included in Flagpole advertising for the event (deadlines apply)
- Business/Sponsor name/logo displayed at the event and in event program
- Business/Sponsor name/logo and a direct link to business website from event website
- 10 tickets to the May 17 event, including the VIP reception; a table for 10 reserved if desired

_____ **“Platinum-Level” Sponsorship – \$2,500**

- Business/Sponsor recognized from the podium at the May 17 event
- Business/Sponsor name or logo included in Flagpole advertising for the event (deadlines apply)
- Business/Sponsor name or logo displayed at the event and in event program
- Business/Sponsor name/logo and a direct link to business website from event website
- 8 tickets to the May 17 event, including the VIP reception; a table for 8 reserved if desired

_____ **“Gold-Level” Sponsorship – \$1,000**

- Business/Sponsor name or logo included in Flagpole advertising for the event (deadlines apply)
- Business/Sponsor name or logo displayed at the event and in event program
- Business/Sponsor name or logo and a direct link to business website from event website
- 6 tickets to the May 17 event, including the VIP reception

_____ **“Silver-Level” Sponsorship – \$500**

- Business/Sponsor name displayed at the event or in event program
- Business/Sponsor name and link to business website from event website
- 4 tickets to the May 17 event, including the VIP reception

_____ **“Bronze-Level” Sponsorship – \$250**

- Business/Sponsor name listed on the event website
- 2 tickets to the May 17 event, including the VIP reception

_____ **Other Sponsorship – Donations of any amount are welcome to support the event and award**

Send sponsorship checks to Classic City Rotary, P. O. Box 48415, Athens, GA 30604

Please go [online](#) to complete the sponsorship information, or provide the information below for follow-up regarding your sponsorship:

Sponsor business/company name: _____

Name of contact person: _____

Email Address of contact: _____

Phone Number of contact: _____

If appropriate for sponsor level: Sponsor Website URL: _____

Please indicate if a business/sponsor logo has been uploaded to the sponsorship submission site: __Yes __No