

2022 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT DICK TERMES



Dick Termes is a household name in Spearfish. His unique art has put Spearfish on the state, national, and world maps. Internationally known, Dick is recognized as one of the most original and innovative visual artists living today. You can view his art throughout Spearfish, the Black Hills, and the world. He is also one of the most humble men you will ever meet.

Raised in Spearfish, Termes received a Bachelor's of Education degree from Black Hills State University, a Master's Degree in Art from the University of Wyoming, and a Masters in Fine Arts from the Otis Art Institute in California.

He has served as a high school teacher and a college professor. An educator at heart, one of his many talents is his ability to connect with all age groups. Termes is able to teach students of all ages how art, math, and science intertwine seamlessly in our everyday lives. For many years now, Dick has engaged with elementary school, middle school, and high school students as well as Universities and senior groups around the nation, including Spearfish.

In addition to his Termespheres being housed in numerous collections around the world, Dick's art has been featured in dozens of publications. He's also been asked to present art and math seminars across the globe.

As an artist, entrepreneur, teacher, and mentor to countless budding artists, Dick has achieved more in his lifetime than most can ever dream. He has been featured on South Dakota Public Broadcasting multiple times, as well as, the Breckenridge Festival of Film and the DaVinci Film Festival.

He's received the South Dakota Governor's Award in the Arts and has been inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame. This past December, Dick received an Honorary Doctorate from Black Hills State University, the highest honor bestowed by the University and granted only to a select few.

His list of awards is LONG, but a few include:

BHSU Most Distinguished Alumni

DaVinci Film Festival Spirit Award

Breckenridge Festival of Film

Governor's Award for Distinction in Creative Achievement

Spearfish Chamber Micropolitan Award recipient

Tip of the Spear Award from Visit Spearfish

Spearfish High School Fine Arts Award

Rushmore Honors Award

South Dakota Museum of Art Artistic Achievement

Joseph Meier and the Black Hills Passion Play put Spearfish on the map. Dick Termes and the Termespheres have kept Spearfish on the map.

Congratulations Dick Termes as the recipient of the 2022 Lifetime Achievement Award.