



(Feb. 4) The Hollywood Arts Council has honored the Metro Red Line's Hollywood/Vine station with a coveted "Charlie Award" for "giving our community an art-filled station that goes directly to the heart of Hollywood."

Actresses Stella Stevens and Jenny Gago presented the award during the Arts Council's 14th annual luncheon, Jan. 28, at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Hollywood's arts, industry and community leaders attended the sold-out event, which raised more than \$30,000 for Arts Council programs.

Accepting the award

Lynda Bybee, a Public Affairs supervisor, accepted the award on behalf of the MTA and station artist Gilbert "Magu" Lujan.

"Nowhere is the experience more exciting than upon entering the MTA's Metro Rail station at Hollywood and Vine," Stevens told the crowd. "You instantly know that you are in a very special place."

Gago described the station as, "Reminiscent of a Hollywood movie palace...Hollywood is now graced with a station that has become a destination in itself."

Eight "Charlies" awarded

The Arts Council awarded "Charlies," named after Comedian Charlie Chaplin, in eight categories. Recipients included the LA Marathon for showcasing the arts and diverse culture, the Stella Adler Theatre for its commitment to keeping live theater a presence in Hollywood, and CUNA Mutual for restoring the historic El Capitan Building.

The Arts Council was "a consistently strong supporter of Metro Rail," said Nyla Arslanian, president. "Certainly the station at Hollywood and Vine is the crowing glory of the project. We were thrilled that the artist chosen was from Los Angeles and is sensitive to what Hollywood is all about."

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