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**burton + BURTON's™ Maxine Burton receives Governor's appointment to Georgia Council for the Arts™**

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burton + BURTON™ founder and President Maxine Burton was appointed earlier this month to serve as a council member on the Georgia Council for the Arts™ by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal.

Her position as president of one of the largest balloon and gift suppliers in the world allows her to interact daily with talented artists and gives her a unique perspective on, and appreciation for, the creative resources around the state.

Mrs. Burton says, "Governor Deal's dedication to the Arts is extremely gratifying and I am very honored to receive this appointment. I look forward to working with my fellow council members to strengthen and grow the arts in communities across our state."

Mrs. Burton currently serves on the board of directors of First American Bank & Trust and served on the Georgia Ports Authority from 2002 through 2013. She is an active member of the Committee of 200, the Women's Leadership Board of Harvard University, the Society of International Business Fellows, and has recently been inducted into Chief Executives Organization (CEO). Burton earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Education from the University of Georgia. She and her husband, Robert "Bob" Burton, have two grown children and three grandchildren.

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