

Previous Winners

1980

Literature Ellen Douglas
Music Luigi Zaninelli
Art Ed McGowin

1981

Literature Walker Percy
Music James S. Sclater
Art Ray Parrish

1982

Literature Ellen Gilchrist
Music William Grant Still
(posthumously)
Art Valerie Jaudon

1983

Literature Ellen Douglas
Music Patrick Houlihan
Art George Wardlaw

1984

Literature Rebecca Hill
Music Patrick Houlihan
Art James L. Seawright, Jr.

1985

Literature Ellen Gilchrist
Music Luigi Zaninelli
Art William Dunlap

1986

Literature John Stone
Music Samuel Jones
Art Kenneth W. Marlow
Photography Robert Townsend
Jones, Jr.
Special Writing
Award Dorothy Abbott

1987

Literature Richard Ford
Music David Caudill
Visual Art Ke Francis
Photography Birney Imes, III

1988

Literature Walker Percy
Music Milton Babbitt
Visual Art Zarah Maranian
Photography Maude S. Clay
Lifetime
Achievement Eudora Welty

1989

Literature Larry Brown
Music Paul Overstreet
Visual Art Mildred Nungester
Wolfe
Photography Rita Dewitt
Lifetime
Achievement Walter Anderson
(posthumously)

1990

Literature Rick Bass
Music James S. Sclater
Visual Art Randy Hayes
Photography William Eggleston
Special
Achievement William Ferris
Charles Reagan Wilson

1991

Literature Ellen Gilchrist
Music Samuel Jones
Visual Art Birney Imes, III

1992

Fiction Lewis Nordan
Nonfiction Michael B. Ballard
Visual Art Ron Dale
Photography Maude S. Clay
Music Luigi Zaninelli
Career
Achievement
in the
Performing Arts Jane Reid Petty

1993

Fiction Donna Tartt
Nonfiction Chalmers Archer
Clifton Taulbert
Visual Art Jere H. Allen
Photography Allen Frame

1994

Fiction Barry Hannah
Nonfiction Willie Morris
Visual Art Greely Myatt
Photography Tom Rankin
Music Douglas McConnell

1995

Fiction Beverly Lowry
Nonfiction Mary Garrard
Visual Art Sylvain Klaus

Photography Birney Imes, III
Music James S. Sclater
Citation of Merit ETV and Public
Radio in Mississippi

Lifetime
Achievement Franke and Bern Keating

1996

Fiction Lewis Nordan
Nonfiction David Herbert Donald
Visual Art Charles Carraway
Photography Milly Moorhead
Music Laurence M. Oden

Lifetime
Achievement Lee and Pup McCarty

1997

Fiction Cynthia Shearer
Nonfiction Stephen Ambrose
Visual Art Valerie Jaudon
Photography Marion Brown
Music Mark Howell
Poetry Paul Ruffin

1998

Fiction Wylene Dunbar
Nonfiction Will D. Campbell
Visual Art William Dunlap
Photography Hubert F. Worley, Jr.
Music Luigi Zaninelli
Poetry Angela Ball
Special
Achievement Marion Barnwell

1999

Fiction Ellen Douglas
Nonfiction Patti Carr Black
Visual Art Jean Cappadonna-
Nichols
Photography Lucinda Devlin
Music James Sclater
Poetry John Stone

2000

Fiction Steve Yarbrough
Nonfiction Edward Cohen
Visual Art Paula Temple
Photography Maude Schuyler Clay
Music Luigi Zaninelli
Poetry D. C. Berry
Lifetime
Achievement Leontyne Price
Citation of Merit University Press of
Mississippi

2001

Fiction Howard Bahr
Nonfiction Jeff Durstewitz and
Ruth Williams
Visual Art Collier B. Parker
Photography Eudora Welty
Poetry Natasha Trethewey

2002

Fiction Barry Hannah
Nonfiction Bobby DeLaughter
Visual Art Sheila Stott Gourlay
Photography John D. Lawrence
Music Michael Kimber
Poetry Brooks Haxton

2003

Fiction Brad Watson
Nonfiction Minor Ferris Buchanan
Visual Arts Gwendolyn Magee
Photography Jack Kotz
Music Samuel Jones
James Sclater
Natasha Trethewey
Poetry
Lifetime
Achievement Mimi Garrard and
James Seawright

2004

Fiction Tom Franklin
Nonfiction Christopher Maurer
Visual Arts Wyatt Waters
Music Logan Skelton
Poetry Ann Fisher-Wirth
Lifetime
Achievement Shelby Foote

2005

Fiction Margaret McMullan
Nonfiction Timothy B. Smith
Visual Arts Sam Gilliam
Photography Gretchen Haien
Music Justin Sharp
Poetry Brooks Haxton

2006

Fiction Tom Bailey
Nonfiction Suzanne Marrs
Visual Arts Thomas Nawrocki
Photography Robyn Moore
Music Andrew Owen

2007

Fiction	Richard Ford
Nonfiction	Jere Nash and Andy Taggart
Music	Samuel Jones
Photography	Debra Ferguson
Poetry	Natasha Trethewey
Visual Arts	William Dunlap
Lifetime	
Achievement	Morgan Freeman and Myrna Colley-Lee

2008

Fiction	Margaret McMullan
Music	Albert Oppenheimer
Nonfiction	Joseph Crespino
Photography	Talbot Easton Selby
Poetry	Angela Ball
Visual Arts	Carlyle Wolfe
Lifetime	
Achievement	Ellen Douglas

2009

Fiction	Howard Bahr
Music (Classical)	Steve Rouse
Music (Contemp.)	3 Doors Down
Nonfiction	Douglas A. Blackmon
Photography	Jane Rule Burdine
Poetry	Brooks Haxton
Visual Arts	H. C. (Chris) Porter
Lifetime	
Achievement	Marshall Bouldin III Elizabeth Spencer

2010

Fiction	Frederick Barthelme
Music (Classical)	Shandy Phillips
Music (Contemp.)	Caroline Herring
Nonfiction	Charles W. Eagles
Photography	Michael Loyd Young
Poetry	D. C. Berry
Visual Arts	Charles Crossley
Special	
Achievement	<i>The Passions of Walter Anderson,</i> a creative collaboration
Lifetime	
Achievement	William Ferris

2011

Fiction	Brad Watson
Music (Classical)	Samuel Jones James Sclater
Music (Contemp.)	Eden Brent
Nonfiction	Natasha Trethewey

Photography	Oraien Catledge
Poetry	Ava Leavell Haymon
Visual Arts	Rolland Golden
Lifetime	
Achievement	Mary D. Garrard

2012

Fiction	Michael Kardos
Music (Classical)	Shandy Phillips
Music (Contemp.)	Kate Campbell
Nonfiction	Susan Haltom
Photography	Betty Press
Poetry	T. R. Hummer
Visual Arts	Rod Moorhead
Lifetime	
Achievement	Andrew Bucci Samuel Gore

2013

Fiction	Richard Ford
Music (Classical)	Steve Rouse
Music (Popular)	Caroline Herring
Nonfiction	Joseph Crespino
Photography	David Wharton
Poetry	Catherine Pierce
Visual Arts	Lee Renninger
Lifetime	
Achievement	Patti Carr Black

2014

Fiction	Steve Yarbrough
Music (Classical)	Quincy C. Hilliard
Music (Contemp.)	Claire Holley
Nonfiction	Jesmyn Ward
Photography	Milly West
Poetry	Derrick Harriell
Visual Arts	J J Foley
Lifetime	
Achievement	William Beckwith

2015

Fiction	Elizabeth Spencer
Music (Classical)	Crafton Beck
Music (Contemp.)	Water Liars
Nonfiction	Dennis J. Mitchell
Photography	Maude Schuyler Clay
Poetry	Timothy Earley
Visual Arts	Brandon Moon
Lifetime	
Achievement	Sammy Britt

2016

Fiction	Taylor Kitchings
Music (Classical)	Samuel Jones
Music (Contemp.)	Mac McAnally

Nonfiction	Joseph T. Reiff
Photography	Maude Schuyler Clay
Poetry	R. Flowers Rivera
Visual Arts	Martha Ferris
Lifetime Achievement	William Baggett Ron Dale

2017

Fiction	Rick Bass
Music (Classical)	James S. Sclater
Music (Contemp.)	Fish Michie and Kristian Dambrino
Nonfiction	Jason Morgan Ward
Photography	David Wharton
Poetry	Catherine Pierce
Visual Arts	Carlyle Wolfe
Citation of Merit Special	Thacker Mountain Radio
Achievement	Nan Sanders
Lifetime Achievement	Jere Allen Samuel Jones

2018

Fiction	Michael Knight
Music (Classical)	James S. Sclater
Music (Contemp.)	Shannon McNally
Nonfiction	John T. Edge
Photography	Jack Spencer
Poetry	Molly McCully Brown
Visual Arts	Charlie Buckley
Special Achievement	<i>The Mississippi Encyclopedia</i>
Lifetime Achievement	Robert Ivy Andrew Cary Young

2019

Fiction	Tiffany Quay Tyson
Music (Classical)	Steve Rouse
Music (Contemp.)	John Milham
Nonfiction	Julian Rankin
Photography	Rory Doyle
Poetry	Aimee Nezhukumatathil
Visual Arts	Coulter Fussell
Citation of Merit	Square Books
Lifetime Achievement	John Ruskey

2020

Fiction	Minrose Gwin
Nonfiction	Margaret McMullan
Music (Classical)	Steve Rouse

Music (Contemp.)	Bark (Susan and Tim Lee)
Photography	Will Jacks
Poetry	C. T. Salazar
Visual Arts	Stacey Johnson
Youth Literature	Angie Thomas
Citation of Merit Special	Lemuria Bookstore
Achievement	Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival

Lifetime Achievement	Ann J. Abadie
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2021

Fiction	Odie Lindsey
Nonfiction	Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.
Music (Classical)	James Sclater
Music (Contemp.)	Steve Azar
Photography	Andrea Morales
Poetry	Catherine Pierce
Visual Arts	Cathy Hegman
Youth Literature	Deborah Wiles
Lifetime Achievement	Rea Hederman

2022

Fiction	Becky Hagenston
Nonfiction	W. Ralph Eubanks
Life Writing	Teresa Nicholas
Poetry	Joshua Nguyen
Youth Literature	Angie Thomas
Music (Classical)	Steve Rouse
Music (Contemp.)	Christone "Kingfish" Ingram
Photography	Ashleigh Burke Coleman
Visual Arts	Jennifer Torres
Citation of Merit	MPB's Grassroots, Bill Ellison MPB's Highway 61, Scott Barretta
Lifetime Achievement	William R. Dunlap Kenneth Holditch

Note: Music Awards are for music composition.