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## MIAL HONORS 2011 AWARD WINNERS

The Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters (MIAL) marked its 32nd year with a Celebration of Arts and Letters at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, on June 4, 2011. The weekend included readings and signings by MIAL award winners, the annual membership meeting, a reception honoring the year's winners, and the awards banquet.

Noted art historian Mary D. Garrard, a native of Indianola and Professor of Art History Emeritus at American University in Washington, D.C., received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Garrard's scholarship has focused on Italian Renaissance art and feminist studies. Her book *Artemisia Gentileschi: The Image of the Female Hero in Italian Baroque Art* is widely acknowledged as a major contribution to the history of art.

Ava Leavell Haymon accepted the Poetry Award for her book *Why the House Is Made of Gingerbread*. The Nonfiction Award went to Natasha Trethewey for *Beyond Katrina: A Meditation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast*. Winning the Fiction Award for his story collection *Aliens in the Prime of Their Lives* was Brad Watson. Rolland Golden was presented the Visual Arts Award for *River and Reverie: Paintings of the Mississippi* by Rolland Golden. Oraien Catledge accepted the Photography Award for *Oraien Catledge: Photographs*. The Musical Composition (Contemporary/Popular) Award went to Eden Brent for *Ain't Got No Troubles*. The Musical Composition (Classical/Concert) Award was shared by Samuel Jones for *Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra* and James Sclater for *Concerto for Piano and Wind Ensemble*.

MIAL President Bridget Pieschel presided at the banquet, and Mary Anderson served as mistress of ceremonies. In addition to a monetary award, each winner also received a fairy tale figure, originally created by Walter Anderson and reproduced at Shearwater Pottery. Award Sponsors for 2011 were Ann and Dale Abadie, Poetry; McCarty's of Merigold, Photography; Ella and Aubrey Lucas, Visual Arts; the family of Keith Dockery McLean and Ella and Aubrey Lucas, Musical Composition (Classical); *The Mississippi Quarterly*, Fiction; Nan and Mike Sanders, Musical Composition (Popular); and Leila Wynn, Nonfiction.



In addition to the reception and banquet at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art, attendees also enjoyed a tour of the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art on Saturday morning, and a reading and signing by MIAL award winners co-hosted by Shearwater Pottery and Pass Christian Books and held at the Shearwater Pottery Showroom.

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Award Winners left to right: Brad Watson; James Sclater; Mary Garrard; Rolland Golden; Ava Leavell Haymon; Samuel Jones's sister, Sarah Smith, accepting the award for him; Natasha Trethewey; and Oraien Catledge. Not pictured: Eden Brent. Winners are holding their MIAL 2011 gifts, individual replications of Walter Anderson's fairy tale figures, created by Shearwater Pottery.

## Previous Winners

1980	Literature..... Ellen Douglas Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Art..... Ed McGowin	1994	Fiction..... Barry Hannah Nonfiction..... Willie Morris Visual Art..... Greely Myatt Photography..... Tom Rankin Music..... Douglas McConnell	2004	Fiction..... Tom Franklin Nonfiction..... Christopher Maurer Visual Arts..... Wyatt Waters Music..... Logan Skelton Poetry..... Ann Fisher-Wirth Lifetime Achievement..... Shelby Foote
1981	Literature..... Walker Percy Music..... James S. Sclater Art..... Ray Parrish	1995	Fiction..... Beverly Lowry Nonfiction..... Mary Garrard Visual Art..... Sylvain Klaus Photography..... Birney Imes, III Music..... James S. Sclater Lifetime Achievement..... Franke and Bern Keating Citation of Merit..... ETV and Public Radio in Mississippi	2005	Fiction..... Margaret McMullan Nonfiction..... Timothy B. Smith Visual Arts..... Sam Gilliam Photography..... Gretchen Haien Music..... Justin Sharp Poetry..... Brooks Haxton
1982	Literature..... Ellen Gilchrist Music..... William Grant Still (posthumously) Art..... Valerie Jaudon	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	2006	Fiction..... Tom Bailey Nonfiction..... Suzanne Marrs Visual Arts..... Thomas Nawrocki Photography..... Robyn Moore Music..... Andrew Owen
1983	Literature..... Ellen Douglas Music..... Patrick Houlihan Art..... George Wardlaw	1997	Fiction..... Cynthia Shearer Nonfiction..... Stephen Ambrose Visual Art..... Valerie Jaudon Photography..... Marion Brown Music..... Mark Howell Poetry..... Paul Ruffin	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 & Myrna Colley-Lee
1984	Literature..... Rebecca Hill Music..... Patrick Houlihan Art..... James L. Seawright, Jr.	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	2008	Fiction..... Margaret McMullan Music..... Albert Oppenheimer Nonfiction..... Joseph Crespi Photography..... Talbot Easton Selby Poetry..... Angela Ball Visual Arts..... Carlyle Wolf Lifetime Achievement..... Ellen Douglas
1985	Literature..... Ellen Gilchrist Music..... Luigi Zaninelli Art..... William Dunlap	1999	Fiction..... Ellen Douglas Nonfiction..... Patti Carr Black Visual Art..... Jean Cappadonna-Nichols Photography..... Lucinda Devlin Music..... James Sclater Poetry..... John Stone	2009	Fiction..... Howard Bahr Music (Classical)..... Steve Rouse Music (Contemporary)..... 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
1986	Literature..... John Stone Music..... Samuel Jones Art..... Kenneth W. Marlow Photography..... Robert Townsend Jones, Jr. Special Writing Award..... Dorothy Abbott	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	2010	Fiction..... Frederick Barthelme Music (Classical)..... Shandy Phillips Music (Contemporary)..... 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 Award..... William Ferris
1987	Literature..... Richard Ford Music..... David Caudill Visual Art..... Ke Francis Photography..... Birney Imes, III	2001	Fiction..... Howard Bahr Nonfiction..... Jeff Durstewitz and Ruth Williams Visual Art..... Collier B. Parker Photography..... Eudora Welty Poetry..... Natasha Trethewey	2011	Fiction..... Brad Watson Music (Classical)..... Samuel Jones James Sclater Music (Contemporary)..... Eden Brent Nonfiction..... Natasha Trethewey Photography..... Oraien Catledge Poetry..... Ava Leavell Haymon Visual Arts..... Rolland Golden Lifetime Achievement Award..... Mary D. Garrard
1988	Literature..... Walker Percy Music..... Milton Babbitt Visual Art..... Zarah Maranian Photography..... Maude S. Clay Lifetime Achievement..... Eudora Welty	2002	Fiction..... Barry Hannah Nonfiction..... Bobby DeLaughter Visual Art..... Sheila Stott Gourlay Photography..... John D. Lawrence Music..... Michael Kimber Poetry..... Brooks Haxton		
1989	Literature..... Larry Brown Music..... Paul Overstreet Visual Art..... Mildred Nungester Wolfe Photography..... Rita Dewitt Lifetime Achievement..... Walter Anderson (posthumously)	2003	Fiction..... Brad Watson Nonfiction..... Minor Ferris Buchanan Visual Arts..... Gwendolyn Magee Photography..... Jack Kotz Music..... Samuel Jones James Sclater Poetry..... Natasha Trethewey Lifetime Achievement..... Mimi Garrard and James Seawright		
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				

### MIAL HONORS 2011 AWARD WINNERS cont.

Among the founders of MIAL were Aubrey Lucas, Noel Polk, William Winter, Cora Norman, and Keith Dockery McLean. Judges for the MIAL awards are chosen for their prominence in their respective fields and are all from out of state. The MIAL juried competition is unique in Mississippi. All nominations must be made by MIAL members, and membership and nomination forms are included in this newsletter. Anyone may join MIAL and thus be eligible to nominate artists in each category. For more information about MIAL and membership, visit the website at [www.ms-arts-letters.org](http://www.ms-arts-letters.org).

# Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Award Nomination

MIAL members are encouraged to make nominations to honor the artistic achievements of living Mississippians (current residents or former ones with continuing, significant ties to the state). Judges will consider only work shown, published, or performed in **2011**. Members may nominate more than one individual in any category. One page of comments may be included in support of nomination. Nominations should include place and date of birth. Please make additional copies of this form if needed.

**Only MIAL members may nominate.**

*Award Categories:*

- **VISUAL ARTS** (painting, sculpture, drawing, print, graphic arts, etc.) Eligible are up to 15 pieces first publicly shown or published in 2011. Submit CD, slides, prints, or published work.
- **PHOTOGRAPHY** (color, black and white, combination) Eligible are up to 15 photographs first publicly shown or published in 2011. Submit CD, slides, prints, or published work.
- **FICTION** (novel, short story collection, etc.) Eligible is work first published in 2011. Submit author's name, publisher, title of publication, and date of publication.
- **NONFICTION** (any literature that is not fictional) Eligible is work first published in 2011. Submit author's name, publisher, title of publication, and date of publication.
- **POETRY** Eligible are up to 15 poems published individually for the first time in 2011, or a collection of at least 15 poems published in book form for the first time in 2011 (poems in the collection may have been first published earlier than 2011). Submit complete tear sheets or publication.
- **MUSIC COMPOSITION-CLASSICAL** (song, opera, composition, instrumental music, etc.) This award is for works first published or performed publicly in 2011. Submit evidence of initial performance or publication (book, CD, tape, score) in 2011.
- **MUSIC COMPOSITION-POPULAR** (blues, country music, jazz, rock, etc.) Submit published scores or the commercial recording first released in 2011.

**DEADLINE:** Nominations must be postmarked on or before **January 15, 2012**. Attach the artist's representative work (slides, photographs, CD's, books, etc.). Please mail the nomination to the appropriate address according to the awards category entered.

**POETRY**  
 Bridget Pieschel  
 Southern Women's Institute  
 1100 College Street, MUW-269  
 Columbus, MS 39701-5800

**MUSIC COMPOSITION—POPULAR**  
 Dorothy Shawhan  
 217 South Leflore  
 Cleveland, MS 38732

**VISUAL ARTS**  
 Nan Sanders  
 535 Hillcrest Circle  
 Cleveland, MS 38732

**NONFICTION**  
 Scott Naugle  
 1302 East Second Street  
 Pass Christian, MS 39571

**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
 George Bassi  
 % Lauren Rogers Museum of Art  
 565 N. Fifth Avenue  
 P. O. Box 1108  
 Laurel, MS 39441-1108

**MUSIC COMPOSITION—CLASSICAL**  
 Martha Hitch  
 2027 Barry Cove  
 Oxford, MS 38655

**FICTION**  
 Mark Wiggs  
 917 Arlington St.  
 Jackson, MS 39202

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TELEPHONE: HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AWARD CATEGORY: \_\_\_\_\_ MEDIUM: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF WORK: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST SHOWN/PUBLISHED/PERFORMED: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF **NOMINEE**: \_\_\_\_\_ NOMINEE'S ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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NOMINEE'S DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2012 AWARDS GALA**  
**Jackson, Mississippi**  
**JUNE 9, 2012**

Chairman Marion Barnwell is well underway in making plans for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Awards Gala in Jackson, Mississippi, on **June 9, 2012**. Mark your calendars and look forward to another memorable evening as we celebrate the talent of Mississippi among some of the most beautiful art in the world.

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## *Memorial*

The Board of Governors of the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters notes with deep sadness the death of longtime board member Gwendolyn Magee of Jackson, Mississippi. Her experience as a working artist, her good judgment, her infectious enthusiasm, and her willingness to work hard on a variety of committees made her an invaluable member of this board. A winner of the 2003 MIAL award for visual arts, Gwen also received the 2011 Governor's Award for Excellence. She stitched African American history and life into her stunning quilts just as she stitched joy and integrity into her life. She will be sorely missed.

— Mary McKenzie Thompson

## **New Members of MIAL Board of Governors Elected**

Robin Dietrick and James G. Thomas, Jr. were elected to the Board of Governors at the Annual Membership meeting in June. Robin is currently curator of exhibitions at the Mississippi Museum of Art and Jimmy is Associate Director, Publications at the Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi.

Jenny Long, Greenwood and Oxford, was elected in January to fill the unexpired term of Will Long, her father. Jenny is an artist and a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design and a Landscape Architect.

We welcome these three young talented and energetic members to the Board of Governors.

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#### **Gwendolyn Magee Memorials**

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# MIAL Board of Governors Meeting



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Members of the MIAL Board of Governors attending the fall meeting at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson: Pictured (1<sup>st</sup> row, L-R) Noel Polk, Bridget Pieschel, Jan Taylor, Nancy Guice, David Beckley, Sandra Shellnut, Margaret Robbins, and Dorothy Shawhan; (2<sup>nd</sup> row, L-R) Mark Wiggs, Aubrey Lucas, Donzell Lee, Swan Yerger, JoAnne Prichard Morris, Mary Thompson, Peggy Prenshaw, Robin Dietrick, Pete Halverson, Jenny Long, Marion Barnwell, George Bassi, and Jimmy Thomas.

## 2011-2012 MIAL Membership Dues

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

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### *MIAL Call for Nominations*

Nominations are due **January 15, 2012**, for this year's awards. Members only are allowed to nominate individuals for awards. MIAL welcomes new members, and anyone may join. Please see the Membership and Nomination form in this newsletter or visit our website at [www.ms-arts-letters.org](http://www.ms-arts-letters.org). For more information contact Margaret Anne Robbins, Executive Secretary, 662-523-0899 or [MS.Arts.Letters@gmail.com](mailto:MS.Arts.Letters@gmail.com).



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2011-2012 Officers elected at the annual Membership Meeting are pictured (1<sup>st</sup> row L-R): Nancy Guice, Laurel, Archivist; David Beckley, Holly Springs, President; Sandra Shellnut, Pass Christian, Vice President; (2<sup>nd</sup> row L-R) Margaret Robbins, Pontotoc, Secretary; Bridget Pieschel, Columbus, Past President; and Jan Taylor, Jackson, Treasurer.

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