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# 2023 MIAL AWARD WINNERS

FICTION Sarah Adlakha

NONFICTION Robert S. McElvaine

LIFE WRITING Berkley Hudson

POETRY Melissa Ginsburg

YOUTH LITERATURE Linda Williams Jackson

MUSICAL COMPOSITION Steve Rouse  
(Classical)

MUSICAL COMPOSITION Johnny Rawls  
(Contemporary)

PHOTOGRAPHY David Rae Morris

VISUAL ARTS Coulter Fussell

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT Tupelo Reads

NOEL POLK LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD Panny Flautt Mayfield



*The Board of Governors of the  
Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters  
invites you to*

**THE 44TH ANNUAL AWARDS WEEKEND**

Friday & Saturday, June 2–3, 2023  
Oxford, Mississippi

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

- 3:00 p.m. A tour of Greenfield Farm, a future writer's retreat. See back for details.
  
- 6:00 p.m. Reception at Southside Gallery, 150 Courthouse Square.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

- 9:30 a.m. Morning tour of Oxford. See back for details.
  
- 1:00 p.m. Readings and signings by MIAL Award Winners, Off Square Books, 129 Courthouse Square, followed by the annual membership meeting.
  
- 5:30 p.m. Reception honoring nominees and winners, the Inn at Ole Miss, 120 Alumni Drive, Oxford, Mississippi. Complimentary wine/cash bar.
  
- 6:30 p.m. Awards banquet, the Inn at Ole Miss. Black tie optional.

RSVP card due by May 26

## LODGING

June 2 and/or June 3, 2023

Rooms are being held for MIAL until May 1 at the Inn at Ole Miss. For reservations call 662-234-2331. Additional accommodations are suggested at [www.visitoxfordms.com/where-to-stay/](http://www.visitoxfordms.com/where-to-stay/).

## EVENTS AND TOURS

**Friday, June 2, 3:00 p.m.**—Meet in lobby of the Inn at Ole Miss for tour of Greenfield Farm, a future writer's retreat, led by John T. Edge. Wear comfortable shoes, preferably boots, for walking on uneven terrain. We will travel in cars, in tandem.

**Friday, June 2, 6:00 p.m.**—Reception at Southside Gallery, 150 Courthouse Square, featuring work by Coulter Fussell and David Rae Morris.

**Saturday, June 3, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**—Tour of Oxford\* with Beckett Howorth IV, Manager of Rare Square Books, and Julian Rankin, Director of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art. Gather in the lobby of the Inn at Ole Miss. First come, first serve. Bus is limited to thirty people.

\*Tour description: Hop on a bus for a local-color, slightly irreverent jaunt and cultural sightseeing tour hosted by Beckett Howorth IV and Julian Rankin. Remember in the '90s when residents picketed to stop the Walmart from coming to town? Or when John Grisham coached parks-commission peeewee soccer? What was it like growing up immersed in the literary dialogue of Square Books, or sledding down the cemetery hills past Faulkner's grave during the ice storm of 1994?

—Julian Rankin

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