

**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 **2023**. Members may nominate more than one individual in any category, and MIAL members may self-nominate. Please make additional copies of this form if needed. **Nominations should include a complete address and e-mail** (if applicable). Cookbooks, edited works, and self-published books will not be accepted for nomination. Similarly, images on personal websites and social media platforms are not eligible for nomination of the Visual Arts and Photography awards. All nominations are subject to board approval.

**Only MIAL members may nominate. Not a member? Please consider joining.**

**Membership form on page 7 or join online: <https://www.ms-arts-letters.org>**

**Award Categories:**

**FICTION** (novel, short story collection, etc.)

**LIFE WRITING** (personal narratives, autobiography, memoir, and travel writing)

**NONFICTION** (research-based books, including academic studies, popular history, biography, and journalism)

**POETRY** Eligible are up to 15 poems published individually or in a collection (some poems in the collection may have been published earlier).

**YOUTH LITERATURE** (writing or illustration) Eligible are fiction or nonfiction works including picture books, chapter books, middle grade, and young adult.

**MUSIC COMPOSITION—CLASSICAL** (song, opera, composition, instrumental music, etc.) Submit evidence of initial performance or publication. Submit a digital or hard copy of the score. Evidence of initial performance or publication may also be submitted in digital or hard copy format.

**MUSIC COMPOSITION—CONTEMPORARY** (blues, country music, jazz, rock, etc.) Submit the commercial recording. At least five original compositions must be presented.

**PHOTOGRAPHY** (Film or digital; in color, black and white or both; a published book, a public exhibition or other public presentation) Eligible are thematic bodies of work, or up to 15 individual images. Submit nomination by emailing a PDF of images of nominated work or mailing a thumb drive containing images of the nomination. Printed photographs will also be accepted.

**VISUAL ARTS** (painting, sculpture, drawing, print, graphic arts, etc.) Eligible are thematic bodies of work, or up to 15 individual images. Submit nomination by emailing a PDF of images of nominated work or mailing a thumb drive containing images of the nomination.

**Deadline:** Nominations must be postmarked on or before **January 15, 2023**. Published books will be supplied, so it is not necessary to send books with your nomination. Please send the nomination form with supporting material, if needed, to the appropriate category chair listed below.

**FICTION**

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**MIAL Nominating Form**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

AWARD CATEGORY:

MEDIUM:

TITLE OF WORK:

FIRST SHOWN/PUBLISHED/PERFORMED:

**NAME OF NOMINEE:**

**NOMINEE'S ADDRESS:**

TELEPHONE: HOME/CELL

WORK

E-MAIL

EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE NOMINEE'S MISSISSIPPI CONNECTION:

**NAME OF MIAL MEMBER MAKING NOMINATION:**

NOMINATOR'S ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

E-MAIL