Mississippi Institute of Arts & Letters
41st Annual Awards

Celebrating Our 2020 Winners
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Fiction
Minrose Gwin
The Accidentals

Noel Polk
Lifetime Achievement Award
Ann Abadie
Oxford, Mississippi

Poetry
C. T. Salazar
This Might Have Meant Fire

Citation of Merit
Lemuria Bookstore
Jackson, Mississippi

Youth Literature
Angie Thomas
On the Come Up

Special Achievement Award
Mississippi Delta
Tennessee Williams Festival

Music Composition
Classical
Steve Rouse
The Bird, the Bee, and the Bear

Visual Arts
Stacey Johnson
Storytellers

Nonfiction
Margaret McMullan
Where the Angels Lived: One Family’s Story of Exile, Loss, and Return

Music Composition
Contemporary
Bark
(Susan & Tim Lee)
Terminal Everything

Photography
Will Jacks
Po’ Monkey’s: Portrait of a Juke Joint

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MIAL CELEBRATES MISSISSIPPI’S ARTISTS, MUSICIANS, AND WRITERS

In 1978 Noel Polk and Aubrey Lucas invited Governor William Winter, Cota Norman, Keith Dockery McLean, and other distinguished Mississippians to join them in forming the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters. These founding members knew that among Mississippi’s richest riches are our artists, writers, and musicians, who must be supported, nurtured, and recognized.

The prestigious awards, first made in 1980, are prominent in their chosen from out of state, are awarded cash prizes and Mississippi-residents or have significant ties to the state. Judges will consider only work shown, published, or performed in the previous year. Members may nominate more than one individual in any category. Nominations should include place and date of birth. Only MIAL members may nominate. DEADLINE: Nominations must be postmarked on or before January 15. Attach the artist’s representative work (slides, photographs, CDs, books, etc.). Please mail the nomination to the appropriate address according to the awards category entered.

A nomination form and names of categories are available online or may be requested by telephone (662-523-0899) or mail (P.O. Box 2346, Jackson, MS 39225). Visit our website at 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 the previous year. Members may nominate more than one individual in any category. Nominations should include place and date of birth. Only MIAL members may nominate.

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FICTION

Howard Bahr (2), Tom Bailey, Frederick Barthelme, Rick Bass (2), Larry Brown, Ellen Douglas (3), Wylene Dunbar, Richard Ford (3), Tom Franklin, Ellen Goodman (3), Barry Hannah (2), Rebecca Hill, Michael Kardos, Taylor Kitchings, Michael Knight, Beverly Lowry, Margaret McMullan (2), Louis Nordan (2), Walter Pecora (2), Cynthia Shearer, Elizabeth Spencer, Donna Tartt, Tiffany Quoy Tyson, Brad Warson (2), Steve Yarbrough (2)

NONFICTION


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MIAL WINNERS 1980–2019

POETRY

Angela Ball (2), D. C. Berry (2), Molly McCully Brown, Tim Earley, Ann Fisher-Wirth, Derrick Harrill, Ara Leavel Haymon, Brooks Haxton (3), T. R. Hummer, Aimee Nezhukumatath, Catherine Pie (2), R. Flowers Rivera, Paul Ruffin, John Stone (2), Natasha Trethewey (3)

VISUAL ARTS


MUSIC (CONTEMPORARY)

Eden Brent, Kate Campbell, Kristian Dambriano & Fish Micahe, Caroline Herring (2), Claire Holley, Mac McNally, Shannon McNally, John Milham, Paul Overstreet, 3 Doors Down, Water Liars

MUSIC (CLASSICAL)

Milton Babbitt, Cragon Beck, David Caudill, Quincy C. Hilliard, Patrick Houlihan, Mark Howell, Samuel Jones (6), Michael Kimber, Douglas McConnell, Laurence M. Oden, Albert Oppenheimer, Andrew Owen, Shandy Phillips (2), Steve Rouse (3), James S. Sclater (8), Justin Sharp, Logan Shelton, William Grant Still, Luigi Zaninelli (5)

NOEL POLK LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT


CAREER ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PERFORMING ARTS

Jane Reid Perry

CITATION OF MERIT

ETV and Public Radio in Mississippi, Square Books, University Press of Mississippi, Thacker Mountain Radio

SPECIAL WRITING AWARD

Dorothy Abbott

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

Marion Barnwell, William Ferris and Charles Reagan Wilson; The Passion of Walter Anderson, a creative collaboration; Center for the Study of Southern Culture: The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, 24-volumes; Nan Sanders; The Mississippi Encyclopedia, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture

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