2021 TEXAS MEDAL of ARTS AWARDS
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FALL 2021

2021 TMAA Chairs
Linda LaMantia
Brandon Maxwell
Judy Robison

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF THE ARTS

It’s times such as these that magnify the power of the arts as an emotional salve, a form of expression, a reflection of current events, a universal language, a uniting force and a symbol of hope. Amid the spread of COVID-19, the creative community was the first to provide virtual engagement opportunities to keep us connected. Texas and the world are turning to the arts to find escape and relief from uncertain circumstances. Access to arts and culture will be essential to healing, rebuilding and recovery for our local and global communities.

If you are interested in supporting the arts in Texas please contact the Texas Cultural Trust at tmma@txculturaltrust.org or 512.478.5289
“‘Art,’ a poet once wrote, ‘is man’s nature; nature is God’s art.’ If this is so, and I think that it is, I would add: Texas is the human artist’s ultimate muse. And Texas is God’s masterpiece. No one who has the good fortune to be born or even just live in Texas ever needs to be taught what beauty is — one need only open one’s senses to the varied bounty that surrounds and abounds here. In the Texas sky, in her earth, and in her wildflowers are colors enough to paint a thousand canvases. A symphony plays through her streams, her thunderstorms, and her birdsongs. Texas leaves no writer without a tale. And just the fact of being Texan seems ample training for the dramatic arts."

— Dan Rather, 2015 TMAA Honoree in Television
2001 TMAA Master of Ceremonies

ABOUT THE AWARDS

Since its inception in 2001, the Texas Medal of Arts Awards have spotlighted and celebrated Texas leaders and luminaries who have achieved greatness through their creative talents, as well as those whose generosity has opened doors to artistic opportunity for Texans of all ages. As the signature fundraising event for the Texas Cultural Trust, the Texas Medal of Arts Awards highlights and promotes the power of the arts to enrich our children’s education and enhance our state’s economy and rich cultural heritage.

PREVIOUS AWARD CHAIRS

2019  Leslie Blanton and Leslie Ward
2017  Guillermo Nicolas and Peter Holt
2015  Gene Jones and Charlotte Jones Anderson
2013  Kelli Blanton and Marita Fairbanks
2011  Alice Carrington Foults and Adair Margo
2009  Karen Oswalt and Pamela Willeford
2007  Debbie Montford and Aaronetta Pierce
2005  Hector Gutierrez and Aaronetta Pierce
2003  Deborah Hammond and Mary Teeple
2001  Jocelyn Straus
TEXAS MEDAL OF ARTS HONORREES

2001
Van Cliburn, Fort Worth: Lifetime Achievement
Tommy Lee Jones, San Saba: Film
Willie Nelson, Austin: Music
Debbie Allen, Houston: Dance
Neil Hess, Amarillo: Theatre
John Biggers, Houston: Visual Arts
Horton Foote, Wharton: Literary Arts
Flaco and Santiago Jimenez, San Antonio: Folk Arts
Wayne Bell, Austin: Architecture
Gilberto Zepeda, Jr., Pharr: Arts Education
Jack Blanton, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
SBC Communications Inc., San Antonio: Corporate Arts Patron
The Meadows Foundation, Dallas: Foundation Arts Patron

2003
John Graves, Glen: Lifetime Achievement
Rose Fess Parker, Fort Worth: Film/Television
Charley Pride, Dallas: Music
Tommy Tune, Wichita Falls: Dance
Enid Holm, Odessa: Theatre
Gienna Goodacre, Dallas: Visual Arts
Sandra Cisneros, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Dealey Herndon/State Capitol Preservation Project, Austin: Architecture
Lydia Mendoza, San Antonio: Folk Arts
Marca Lee Bircher, Dallas: Arts Education
Nancy B. Hamon, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Exxon Mobil Corporation, Irving: Corporate Arts Patron
Houston Endowment Inc., Houston: Foundation Arts Patron

2005
Vikki Carr, El Paso: Lifetime Achievement
Phyllicia Rashad, Houston: Television/Theatre
Lyle Lovett, Klein: Music
Ben Stevenson, O.B.E., Houston: Dance
Robert Wilson, Waco: Theatre
Jose Cisneros, El Paso: Visual Arts
Naomi Shihab Nye, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Ginger Head-Gearheart, Fort Worth: Arts Education
Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long, Austin: Individual Arts Patron
Nasher Foundation/Raymond D. Nasher, Dallas: Foundation Arts Patron

2007
Walter Cronkite, Houston: Lifetime Achievement
Ornette Coleman, Fort Worth: Music
Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, Rogers: Dance
Judith Ivey, El Paso: Theatre
Jesús Moroles, Corpus Christi: Visual Arts
Sandra Brown, Waco: Literary Arts
Bill Wittliff, Austin: Multimedia
Paul Baker, Hereford: Arts Education
Diana and Bill Hobby, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
Neiman Marcus, Dallas: Corporate Arts Patron
Sid W. Richardson Foundation, Fort Worth: Foundation Arts Patron

2009
Laura W. Bush, Dallas: Standing Ovation
Robert Rauschenberg, Port Arthur: Lifetime Achievement
Lake/Flato Architects, San Antonio: Architecture
James Dick, Round Top: Arts Education
Anheuser-Busch Companies, Corporate Arts Patron
Robert Rodriguez, San Antonio: Film
Edith O’Donnell, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Austin City Limits, Austin: Multimedia
Clint Black, Houston: Music
T.R. Fehrenbach, San Benito: Literary Arts
Betty Buckley, Fort Worth: Theatre Arts
Keith Carter, Beaumont: Visual Arts

2011
Barbara Smith Conrad, Pittsburg: Lifetime Achievement
ZZ Top, Houston: Music
Ray Benson, Austin: Multimedia
Marcia Gay Harden, Austin: Film
Bill Paxton, Fort Worth: Film
Bob Schieffer, Fort Worth: Journalism
James Drake, Lubbock: Visual Arts
Alley Theatre, Houston: Theatre
Robert M. Edsel, Dallas: Literary Arts
Tom Staley, Austin: Arts Education
HEB, San Antonio: Corporate Arts Patron
Sarah and Ernest Butler, Austin: Individual Arts Patron

2013
Big Thought/Gigi Antoni, Dallas: Arts Education
Gene Jones and Charlotte Jones Anderson, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Kimbell Art Foundation, Fort Worth: Foundation Arts Patron
Texas Monthly, Austin: Corporate Arts Patron
Steve Miller, Dallas: Music
Eva Longoria, Galveston: Multimedia
Houston Ballet, Houston: Dance
James Surls, Huntsville: Visual Arts
Joe Sears and Jaston Williams (Greater Tuna), Austin: Theatre

2015
T Bone Burnett, Fort Worth: Music
Jamie Foxx, Terrell: Film
Kilgore College Rangerettes, Kilgore: Dance
Rick Lowe, Houston: Visual Arts
Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Plano: Corporate Arts Patron
Margaret McDermott, Dallas: Individual Arts Patron
Emilio Nicolas, San Antonio: Multimedia
Dan Rather, Wharton: Television
Chandra Wilson, Houston: Television
Charles Renfro, Houston: Architecture
Robert Schenkkan, Austin: Theatre
Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts, Dallas: Arts Education

2017
Eloise and John Paul DeJoria, Paul Mitchell/ Patrón Tequila, Austin: Corporate Arts Patron
Kris Kristofferson, Brownsville: Multimedia
Lynn Wyatt, Houston: Individual Arts Patron
Lauren Anderson, Houston: Dance
Yolanda Adams, Houston: Music
Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Dallas: Arts Education
Renée Elise Goldsberry, Houston: Theatre
The Tobin Endowment, San Antonio: Foundation Arts Patron
Leo Villareal, El Paso: Visual Arts
Frank Welch, Dallas: Architecture
John Phillip Santos, San Antonio: Literary Arts
Scott Pelley, San Antonio: Journalism
Kenny Rogers, Houston: Lifetime Achievement

2019
Consprare, Austin: Music Ensemble
Craig Dykers and Elaine Molinar, San Antonio and El Paso: Architecture
Trenton Doyle Hancock, Houston: Visual Arts
Stephen Harrigan, Austin: Literary Arts
Jennifer Holliday, Houston: Theatre
Brandon Maxwell, Longview: Design
Matthew McConaughey, Austin: Film
Mark Seliger, Houston: Multimedia
Boz Scaggs, Plano: Music
Vidal M. Trevino School of Communications and Fine Arts, Laredo: Arts Education