

History of Recipients

Connecticut Arts Awards

1978

Marian Anderson, *Singer*
Robert Motherwell, *Painter and printmaker*
Lippincott, Inc., *Public sculpture fabricators*
Peace Train Foundation / Paul LeMay, *Fiddler and founder of the New England Fiddle Contest*
Patricia Edwards/Valley Arts Center
Juan Fuentes, *Photographer*
Mildred Dunnock, *Actress*
Arthur Miller, *Playwright*
Moshe Paranov, *Pianist and founder of Hartt School of Music, Hartford*
Mary Hunter Wolf, *Theater director and producer*

1979

Bowen-Peters School of Dance
Malcolm Cowley, *Literary artist*
Ralph Kirkpatrick, *Musician*
Meriden Gravure Company
Ruben Nakian, *Sculptor*
National Theatre of the Deaf
New Britain Museum of Art
Menen Osario

1980

Artists Collective
Peter Blume, *Painter and sculptor*
Lucia Chase, *Dancer and actress*
Eva LeGallienne, *Actress*
Newton Schenck, *Founder of New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre*
Robert Penn Warren, *Poet and novelist*

1981

Morris Carnovsky, *Actor*
Community Renewal Team Craftery Gallery
Curbstone Press
Anthony S. Keller, *Advocate for creation of state arts councils. Executive director of CT Commission on the Arts from 1966-1981*

1981 (continued)

Pilobolus
Maurice Sendak, *Author and illustrator of children's books*
Cesar Pelli, *Architect*

1982

Victor Borge, *Musician and humorist*
Brookfield Craft Center
Gerry Mulligan, *Saxophonist*
Lloyd Richards, *Actor, director and Dean of Yale School of Drama*
Margo Rose, *Puppeteer*
United Technologies Corp.

1983

Willian Benton Art Museum
Arvin Brown, *Theater and television director*
Greater Hartford Arts Council
Jackie McLean, *Jazz saxophonist and co-founder of Artists Collective, Hartford*
James Merrill, *Poet*

1984

William Styron, *Novelist and essayist*
Wadsworth Atheneum
City Spirit Artists
Champion International

1985

No awards given

1986

Betty Jones, *Singer*
Michael Price, *Arts administrator (Goodspeed Musicals, East Haddam)*
James Laughlin, *Poet*
Barbara Tuchman, *Historian and author*

1987

Cleve Gray, *Abstract expressionist painter*
Lucille Lortel, *Producer and actress*
Ernestine Stodell, *Dancer*
Dave Brubeck, *Jazz pianist and composer*

1988

Paul Winter, *Saxophonist*
Aetna Life & Casualty
The Hartford Courant
Frank Ballard, *Puppeteer*

1989

Helen Frankenthaler, *Abstract expressionist painter*
Mark Lamos, *Theater and opera director*
John Russell, *Art critic*
Gary Karr, *Bassist*

1990

Gary M. Young, *Contributor to the state arts council movement in US. Executive director of the CT Commission on the Arts from 1981-1990*
Young Audiences of Connecticut
Xerox Corporation
Marilyn Nelson Waniek, *Poet*
Gerald Tirozzi, *Arts in education leader/advocate*
Skitch Henderson, *Pianist, conductor and composer*

1991

Paul Brown, *Jazz bassist*
Peter DeVries, *Editor and novelist*
Richard Hallinan, *Arts administrator (Downtown Cabaret Theater, Bridgeport)*
Jane Henson, *Puppeteer*
Martha Myers, *Teacher of dance*

1992

Frank Rich, Jr., *Founder of Stamford Center for the Arts*
Ann Petry, *Author*
Peter Good, *Graphic designer and illustrator*
Robert Anderson, *Portrait painter*
Audubon Arts District

Renamed Governor's Arts Awards

1993

Annie Dillard, *Author*
The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Insurance Company
Ted Hershey, *Danseur*
Vincent Scully, *Architectural historian*

1994

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1997

Paul Cadmus, *Visual artist*
Alison Chase, *Choreographer and co-founder of Pilobolus*
John Hollander, *Poet and literary critic*
Aldo Parisot, *Cellist*

1998

Antonio Frasconi, *Woodcut artist*
Helena Hernmarck, *Trompe-l'oeil weaver*
Wally Lamb, *Novelist*
Moses Pendleton, *Choreographer, co-founder of Pilobolus and founder of MOMIX*

1999

Anthony Braxton, *Composer and musician*
Judy Dworin, *Teacher of dance and arts educator*
Elizabeth MacDonald, *Potter and sculptor*
The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center

2000

Elizabeth Gordon Chandler, *Sculptor and founder of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts*
J. D. McClatchy, *Poet and literary critic*
Philip Johnson, *Architect*
Willie Ruff, *Hornist and bassist*
Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts

2001

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2002

Chamber Music Plus
Casimer Michalczyk, *Sculptor*
Yale School of Drama
Yale Repertory Theatre

2003

Concora/CT Choral Artists
Grumbling Gryphons Traveling
Children's Theatre
Donald Margulies, *Playwright*
Ed Johnetta Miller, *Fiber artist*
James Naughton, *Actor*

2004

Antiquarian & Landmarks Society
John Canning, *Decorative artist and art restorer*
Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc.
Florence Griswold Museum
A. R. Gurney, *Playwright and novelist*
Hartford Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
Westport Schools Permanent Art Collection

2005

Doug Hughes, *Theater and film director*
Sam Waterston, *Actor*
Jeanine Basinger, *Film historian and educator*
Westport Country Playhouse
Tina Weymouth & Chris Frantz, *Musicians*

2006

No awards given

Renamed Governor's Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism

2007

William Morris Meredith, *Poet*
Robert A.M. Stern, *Architect*
Barry Levinson, *Screen writer and film director*
Dr. Robert D. Ballard, *Underwater archaeologist*

2008

Professor Joan D. Hedrick, *Historian, educator and biographer*
Vita West Muir, *Founder of the Litchfield Jazz Festival*
Gene Wilder, *Actor*
Michael Wilson, *Stage director*

2009

Jacques Pepin, *Chef and author*
Philip Roth, *Novelist*
Campbell Scott, *Actor and voice artist*
Smith Edwards Architects

2010

Barkley L. Hendricks, *Painter*
Connecticut Humanities Council
ESPN
Diane Smith, *Journalist, talk show host and author*

2011

Curtain Call
Keir Dullea, *Actor*
Lyman Orchards
Alfred Marder, *Peace activist and advocate for Connecticut Freedom Trail*

2012

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2013

Elizabeth Alexander, *poet, essayist, playwright*
Olu Oguibe, *visual artist and curator*
Jimmy Greene, *jazz musician and bandleader*

2014

Christopher Plummer, *actor*
Tim Prentice, *kinetic sculptor*
Luanne Rice, *author*

New in 2014

Governor's Patron of the Arts Awards

Anne Tyler Calabresi, *co-founder of the IFAI*
Jean M. Handley, *co-founder of the IFAI*
Roslyn Milstein Meyer, *co-founder of the IFAI*
The Travelers Companies, Inc.
The Emily Hall Tremain Foundation