

About the Puppeteers of America - Awards - History of Awards, Timeline

Awards are usually presented every two years at national puppetry festivals. Any member of Puppeteers of America can make a nomination for an award. The deadline for nominations is January 1st of the year of a national festival. The awards committee is entirely independent and its recommendations cannot be altered by the Board of Trustees.

President's Award, established in 1968 For outstanding contributions to the Art of Puppetry.

1968	Rena Prim
1969	Jim Henson
1970	no award
1971	Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin
1972	Olga Stevens
1973	Burr Tillstrom
1974	Rufus & Margo Rose
1975	Bil Baird
1976	Frank Ballard
1977	Dick Myers
1978	George Latshaw
1979	The Bread & Puppet Theatre - Peter Schumann
1980	Coad Canada - Arlyn & Luman Coad
1981	Martin Stevens
1982	Lettie Schubert
1983	Basil Milovsoroff
1984	Frank Oz Frank Paris
1985	Carrol Spinney
1986	Ron Herrick
1987	Bob Baker
1988	Ralph Chesse Lewis Mahlmann
1989	Vince Anthony
1990	Paul Vincent-Davis
1991	Jim Gamble
1992	Jero Magon
1993	no award
1994	Grey Seal Puppets - Drew Allison & Donald Devet
1995	Phillip Huber
1997	David Simpich and Terry Snyder
1999	Kermit Love and Julie Taymor
2001	Ronnie Burkett
2003	Tony Urbano Puppetmongers - Ann & David Powell
2005	Rene Zendejas Bill Fosser - Opera in Focus
2007	Bob Brown
2009	Allie Scollon

Puppeteers of America Award, established in 1972 Recognizes contributions to puppetry by persons or groups not immediately involved in the field.

1972	Plays Inc.
	Mississippi Authority fo Educational Television
1973	Children's Television Workshop Detroit Institute of Art
1974	Snoopy (Charles Schulz)
1975	American Broadcasting Company
1976	no award
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1981	WQED Television, Pittsburgh, PA
1982	Fred Rogers
1983	The 11 Museums that exhibited "Puppets: Art and Entertainment"
1984	Neiman-Marcus, Fort Worth, TX
1985	The Asia Society
1986	The Museum of Science and Industry Chicago Illinois Federation of Women's Club
1987	Entertainment This Week
1988	Horizon: the Magazine of the Arts "Little Shop of Horrors"
1989	Maurice Sendak
1990	Craft and Sew Magazine WSOC-TV, Charlotte, NC Charles MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
1991	Federal Theatre Project of George Mason University
1992	Nickelodean Network
	Rita Dove
1993	Freida the Opera The Discovery Theater of the Smithsonian Institute
1994	City of Tampa, FL
1995	Maxwell Gluck Foundation
	Hartford Stage Company
1997	University of Connecticut
1999	Children's Fairyland
2001	Lawrence Baranski: Detroit Institute of Arts
2003	Joseph Papp Public Theatre
2005	CBS Sunday Morning
2007	Jarvis Conservatory
2009	Msgt Bruce Reges

Trustee's Award, established 1974 Honors outstanding service to the Puppeteers of America.

1974	Archie Elliot
1975	Emma Warfield
1976	Greg and Marie Samanisky
1977	Don Avery
1978	Mollie Falkenstein
1979	Rachel Redinger
1980	no award
	Ellen Proctor

Jim Henson Award established in 1997 (formerly Vice President's Award for Innovation) Recognizes innovation in puppetry that is technological, dramaturgical or collaborative in nature.

1997	National Puppetry Conference
1999	Rose Sage, for the Puppetry Home Page
2001	Michael Curry
2003	Hanne Tierney
2005	Great Small Works
2007	Brian Windsor

1981	Nancy Staub
1982	Lanelle Rice
1983	Fern Zwickey
1984	Alan Cook Gayle Schluter
1985	Audley Grossman Don Schluter
1986	no award
1987	Kathy Piper
1988	Margo Rose
1989	Peter Zapletal
1990	Doug & Gayle Anderson
1991	Rod Young Nancy Laverick
1992	Paul Eide
1993	Lettie Schubert Frank Ballard Steve Schutt
1994	Evey Brown Nancy Frazier Lynne Jennings
1995	George Latshaw M'El Reum
1997	Marilyn Myers Arlyn & Luman Coad Norman Gibson
1999	Tom Fogarty Jan Berckefeldt
2001	Joyce & Chuck Berty Norma Bigler
2003	Allelu Kurten Jody Wren
2005	Jim Malone Jean Hasselschwert
2007	Randel McGee
2009	Marianne & Tom Tucker

George Latshaw Award, established 1999
Recognizes accomplishments in writing and publishing in the field of puppetry.

1999	Mabel Beaton
2001	Andrew & Bonnie Periale
2003	Paul Eide Luman Coad
2005	Larry Engler
2007	Steve Abrams
2009	Bob Nathanson

Marjorie Batchelder McPharlin Award established in 2001
For contributions in the field of puppetry in education and therapy.

2001	Bruce Chesse
2003	Michelee Puppets
2005	Bart P. Roccoberon, Jr.
2007	Judith O'Hare
2009	Matthew Bernier