



2010 Minnesota Book Artist Award - Nomination

**An award recognizing outstanding career achievements in the book arts
and significant contributions to Minnesota's book arts community**

Call for Nominations

The Minnesota Book Awards, coordinated by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, calls for nominations for the 2010 Minnesota Book Artist Award. The annual Award, co-sponsored by the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, recognizes a Minnesota book artist or long-standing book artist collaborative group for excellence of artistic work, as well as significant contributions to Minnesota's book arts community.

Individuals may nominate more than one book artist or collaborative group for the Award, but each nomination requires a separate nomination form. Book artists and book artist collaborative groups may nominate themselves. Nominees who are eligible for the Award will be contacted by the Minnesota Book Awards, inviting them to accept the nomination by submitting up to ten (10) images of their work as a book artist (the images may be submitted as slides, or as digital images on a CD/DVD in a common electronic file format), a résumé or vita, and an artist's statement. Because the judging process for the Award requires that this documentation be provided, book artists will not be considered for the Award unless these required materials are submitted.

About Book Arts

Book arts is a dynamic discipline within the larger landscape of contemporary art. At Minnesota Center for Book Arts, the definition of book arts is broad. Though book arts often require bookbinding, printing or paper-making to come to fruition, contemporary book artists use these traditional book art practices and others in surprising and exciting new ways. The creative evolution of book arts is limitless. For more information about book arts, and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, please visit www.mnbookarts.org.

Award

The 2010 Minnesota Book Artist Award will include the following:

- A \$500 award (\$250 cash and \$250 honorarium for a program or event in the Saint Paul Public Library system in 2010)
- A Minnesota Book Award and recognition at the Awards gala on April 17, 2010
- A retrospective exhibit and opening reception at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in early 2010

- Opportunities for doing programs and having exhibits at Minnesota libraries
- Statewide publicity surrounding announcement of the Minnesota Book Awards

Selection

The primary selection criteria, in order, are: demonstrated excellence and innovation of artistic work in the book arts throughout a career, or combined careers in the case of a long-standing collaborative group, and significant artistic contributions to Minnesota's book arts community.

The Minnesota Book Artist Award is selected by five jurors in a two step process. In the first step, up to three finalists are chosen based solely on the materials submitted during the nomination process. In the second step, the finalists are contacted and asked to provide samples of their work to the Minnesota Book Awards for a one week period for review by the judges. All of these materials are returned to the finalists. Jurors select the Award winner based both on the actual work samples provided and the written materials submitted (nomination form and artist's statement).

Jurors are selected by the Minnesota Book Awards and will include representatives from the Minnesota Book Awards/The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minnesota libraries, knowledgeable individuals from the book arts community not eligible for the award, and/or accomplished artists working in other media.

Eligibility

1. Current Minnesota residents are eligible for the Award. Additionally, non-residents are considered eligible if they demonstrate a significant and long-standing contribution to the Minnesota book arts community.
2. Artists must have worked extensively in the book arts.
3. Artists must be willing to provide actual samples of their work for a brief period if selected as a finalist.
4. Artists must be willing and able to participate in the majority of Book Awards activities surrounding the Award, including exhibits, programs and gala, if selected as the winner.
5. This Award is for a body of work, not a single piece or exhibition.

Schedule

- **Friday, October 30, 2009, 5 p.m. – Nomination deadline** – Nominations must be received in the office of the Minnesota Book Awards/The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library

- **Friday, November 20, 2009, 5 p.m. – Image, resume or vita, and artist’s statement deadline for nominees** – These materials from book artists must be received in the office of the Minnesota Book Awards/The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
- By December 7, 2009 - Finalists selected
- By December 21, 2009 - Award winner announced
- February 2010 - Award winner exhibit and reception at MCBA
- April 17, 2010 - Minnesota Book Awards Gala and Book Artist Award presentation

Nomination Deadline – 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009

Nominations must be received by the deadline – earlier nominations are encouraged to allow ample time for artists to submit images of their work and other required materials. Send the nomination form by mail, email, or fax, to:

Minnesota Book Awards
The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library
325 Cedar Street, Suite 555
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1055
 Email: mnbookawards@thefriends.org
 Fax: 651-222-1988

For Additional Information

For additional information about the Book Artist Award, or other awards or programs of the Minnesota Book Awards, please contact either of the following staff members of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library:

Ann Nelson, Minnesota Book Awards Coordinator - mnbookawards@thefriends.org,
 651-366-6497

Alayne Hopkins, Minnesota Book Awards Director – alayne@thefriends.org,
 651-366-6488

For information on the Minnesota Center for Book Arts, contact Jeff Rathermel, Artistic Director, jrathermel@mnbookarts.org, 612-215-2526

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Feel free to re-create this nomination form in another format, being sure to include all information.

Contact Information for Person Making the Nomination (Book artists and long-standing book artist collaborative groups may nominate themselves):

Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell/Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Contact Information for Book Artist Nominee (If nominating a collaborative group, please provide complete contact information for one member of the group. List other group members' names in the space provided.):

Name _____

Organization (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____ Cell/Evening Phone _____

Email _____

Artist Website _____

Names of other group members (if applicable) _____

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Please briefly respond to the following (no more than 1/2 page each)

1) Describe how the nominee's work has demonstrated excellence and innovation in the book arts throughout his or her career, or collective careers in the case of a long-standing collaborative group:

2) Describe how this nominee has contributed to Minnesota's book arts community through his/her/their work and career(s):

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