The mission of the Cleveland Arts Prize is to identify, reward, publicly honor and promote those creative artists whose original work has made Northeast Ohio a more exciting place to live and whose accomplishments have set a standard of excellence to which other artists can aspire.

Artists are essential to a healthy community, and the arts need a supportive environment and an engaged public. Therefore, it is also the mission of the Cleveland Arts Prize to recognize the contributions of individuals and organizations that have expanded the community's participation in the arts and helped make the region more hospitable to creative artistic expression.

The Cleveland Arts Prize 2013 Winners

The Cleveland Arts Prize would like to thank the Cleveland Museum of Art for their continued support and gracious hospitality for the 53rd Annual Awards Event on June 27, 2013. CAP welcomed record numbers to honor the 2013 Cleveland Arts Prize award winners and celebrated in the beautiful surroundings of the Ames Family Atrium and the Gartner Auditorium.
The Cleveland Arts Prize
2013 Winners

At the 53rd Annual Awards Event, on June 27, 2013, the Cleveland Arts Prize recipients were awarded prizes in the following categories:

ROBERT P. BERGMAN PRIZE
Awarded annually to an exceptional individual who has shown passionate leadership and opened his/her field more broadly, and whose life and activities communicate the joys, excitement, and deep human relevance of the arts.

Milton and Tamar Maltz combine vision, determination, passion and generosity in such abundance that they have affected thousands of people throughout the United States. Through the Maltz Family Foundation, they have provided guidance and financial support to the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, the Center for Future Audiences at the Cleveland Orchestra, Gallery One in the Cleveland Museum of Art, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. At Case Western Reserve University, they have contributed to the Milton and Tamar Maltz Performing Arts Center at the Temple-Tifereth Israel. Milt and Tamar have created centers of culture that enrich the lives of all Clevelanders.

PEGGY SPAETH
Awarded annually to individuals or organizations that because of exceptional commitment, vision, leadership or philanthropy have made a significant contribution to the vitality and stature of the arts in Northeast Ohio.

Jill Snyder
As Executive Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Snyder has transformed a small arts organization into one with an international reputation. She was the guiding force behind the recent opening of the iconic building which anchors the new Uptown District of University Circle. Snyder also established an arts education program with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Robyn Minter Smyers, a MOCA board member, stated that Jill is, “audacious when others are cautious, focused when others are distracted, inspiring when others are conventional, inclusive when others are restrictive. Jill is an exceptional leader.” Snyder’s work sends the message that Cleveland is committed to creativity and re-invention.

Fred and Laura Bidwell
The Bidwell’s combine activism with philanthropy. In 2011, they established The Bidwell Foundation to support artists and arts institutions by sponsoring projects, programming and exhibitions that encourage creativity and innovation. The Foundation brings leading photo-based artists to Northeast Ohio and has provided funding for the University of Akron, MOCA, the Akron Art Museum, SPACES, the Inter-Museum Conservation Association, and the Cleveland Museum of Art. In January, the Bidwell’s opened the Transformer Station in Ohio City, an exciting new exhibit space that highlights works from their superb photography collection. The Bidwell’s will mount shows six months a year and the Cleveland Museum of Art will program the other six months. This innovative partnership allows the CMA to have a physical presence on the West Side of Cleveland for the first time in its history. The Bidwell’s have been instrumental in establishing Cleveland and northeast Ohio as a dynamic and vital arts center, strengthening our city and region through the arts.
The Black Keys have become one of the most important rock and roll bands of the last decade, creating innovative rock and roll rooted in classic blues. Formed in Akron in 2001, the Black Keys consists of Dan Auerbach on guitar and Patrick Carney on drums. Their instrumentation draws on the blues of Muddy Waters, Junior Kimbrough and R. L. Burnside, “garage rock” and the slurred tempos of Led Zeppelin. The sound is filtered through the ethos of indie rock and the industrial landscape of Akron. The band has released seven albums since 2002. In 2010, The Black Keys won two Grammy awards for Brothers. In February, 2012, El Camino, won three Grammy Awards, including Best Rock Album. Randall Roberts wrote in the Los Angeles Times, “The Akron, Ohio-bred pair … have for the last decade tapped into the rich, deep well of American roots music and have proved over and over again they understand the truth of rock and roll, blues, country and western, and rhythm and blues…”

Douglas Max Utter’s work weaves together myth, history, portraiture and personal challenge. His works explore the structure and composition of the image as well as the qualities of the materials he uses to make them, including charcoal, oils, tar, sand and pools of latex paint. Doug has had over 40 one-person shows and participated in 400 group exhibitions. He has been awarded three Ohio Arts Council fellowships and a Cleveland Workforce Fellowship in 2010. His work has been reviewed in Art-in-America, New Art Examiner and the Washington Post. Doug was a co-founder of Angle Magazine and writes about art for CAN Journal, Dialogue and Arts Papers. He has written hundreds of reviews and articles reporting on the artwork of other artists. His writing, in combination with his art, has made Doug a great contributor to the cultural life of northeast Ohio.

Franny Taft (CAP 1995) Revered teacher, noted scholar, and discerning arts patron, was a special honoree at this year’s Awards Event. Ms. Taft recently retired after teaching Art History at the Cleveland Institute of Art for 62 years.
THE CLEVELAND ARTS PRIZE MISSION

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ANNUAL FUND

In 2013 the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Arts Prize voted to increase the cash prizes awarded to discipline winners at the 53rd Annual Awards Event. Five prizes of $10,000 were given to 5 artists in the 4 disciplines: 2 at the emerging level, 2 at the mid-career level, & 1 at the lifetime achievement level. This is an amazing accomplishment that was only possible because of the generous support of all of our donors. Please keep this momentum alive by donating to our 2013 Annual Fund Drive.

Consider becoming a member of Coterie for CAP. When you donate $1000 or above to the 2013 Annual Fund Drive, you will receive priority seating at the Annual Awards Event, priority tickets for Arts Prize Live-Upclose Events, an invitation to the May cocktail party for the 2014 winners, Holiday party and most importantly knowing that you are supporting excellent artists who enrich our lives and our region.

ARTS PRIZE LIVE: UPCLOSE Upcoming event with Julian Stanczak (CAP 1969) & Barbara Stanczak at Harris-Stanton Gallery, 2301 W Market Street, Akron, OH, 44313. Join us on Sunday, October 13, 2013, 1-3pm for a private wine & cheese reception with the artists to view their exhibition, 26th Annual International Exhibition. Tickets: $20. Send a check to: Cleveland Arts Prize, PO Box 21126 Cleveland, OH 44121.

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Arts Prize realized substantial growth, development, and public recognition. Her efforts and dedication leave the Arts Prize on solid ground and well positioned to play an increasingly vital role in the community’s arts and culture.

IT IS WITH APPRECIATION AND SADNESS that the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Arts Prize met Wednesday, August 7, 2013 to accept the resignation of Marcie Bergman, who has stepped down after seven years of service as Executive Director. During Bergman’s tenure, the...