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Gordon Square Arts District, Plain Dealer critic Steven Litt among winners of 2010 Cleveland Arts Prize

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The Plain Dealer

The Plain Dealer's critic Steven Litt has won the Robert P. Bergman Prize as part of the 2010 Cleveland Arts Prize.

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- In a rare move, a Cleveland Arts Prize has been awarded not to a person or an organization, but a neighborhood.

Gordon Square Arts District -- a collection of theaters, restaurants and galleries clustered around West 65th Street and Detroit Avenue -- and its leaders are being honored for having the vision and influence to revitalize a Cleveland neighborhood using the arts as an economic engine.

And among other winners of the arts prize is **Steven Litt**, The Plain Dealer's art and architecture critic who won the **Robert P. Bergman Prize** for leaders who are dedicated to a democratic vision of the arts.

Gordon Square leaders include Cleveland City Councilman Matt Zone, Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization executive director Jeff Ramsey, Gordon Square Arts District executive director Joy Roller, and Cleveland Public Theatre executive artistic director Raymond Bobgan.

Winners of the 2010 Cleveland Arts Prize -- given to creative artists whose work enriches Northeast Ohio and whose accomplishments set a standard of excellence -- will be announced today. They will be honored at the annual awards event Saturday, June 26, at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

"This crop of winners is broad-based and reflective of Cleveland today," said arts prize executive director Marcie Bergman. "I find it thrilling to look at the people represented."

Here are this year's winners:

Lifetime Achievement Award in Visual Art: Artist Audra Skuodas spends so much time in her Oberlin studio, her husband jokes that she'll grow roots there. Naturally a reclusive person, Skuodas has never done the kind of self-promotion that many artists do to goose their careers.

So it was a wonderful moment when she learned that she had received the Cleveland Arts Prize Lifetime Achievement Award in Visual Art.

"It's just a beautiful reassurance," said Skuodas, pronounced SKOO-dus. "I exist."

Skuodas has spent 40 years building a body of work that includes wall sculpture, book making, drawing and writing.

Martha Joseph Prizes for Distinguished Service to the Arts:

Honors an individual or organization whose vision or philanthropy has made a significant contribution to the arts in Northeast Ohio. It is being awarded to Gordon Square Arts District and its leaders.

Other winners include:

- Joanne Cohen, executive director of the Art and Medicine Institute's Art Program at the Cleveland Clinic.

Cleveland Arts Prize

What: The 50th annual prizes recognize artists with ties to Northeast Ohio who have made significant contributions in the arts.

When: Ceremony is Saturday, June 26.

Where: Gartner Auditorium, Cleveland Museum of Art.

Tickets: VIP tickets are \$250, patron tickets are \$100 and general admission tickets are \$50.

Info: 216-321-0012 or info@clevelandartsprize.org.

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Former Akron Beacon Journal reporter and author David Giffels is the recipient of the 2010 Cleveland Arts Prize's midcareer award.

- Trudy Wiesenberger, curator and creator of the Art Program at University Hospitals of Cleveland, a trustee at Cleveland Institute of Art and a co-founder of the institute's craft council.
- Mary Louise Hahn, former chair of the Cleveland Arts Prize and consultant for the Cleveland Foundation, where she bolstered the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award jury, increased the awards prize to \$10,000, and turned the awards ceremony into a compelling event.
- Mickie McGraw, co-founder of the Art Studio at MetroHealth Medical Center.

Emerging Artist Award in Literature: This prize, awarded to a promising artist living in Northeast Ohio, carries a \$5,000 prize. Poet and author Phil Metres, an associate professor of English at John Carroll University, is the recipient.

Mid-Career Awards: This honor spotlights artists who have received national and regional recognition and have lived in this region. The literature award will go to David Giffels, former Akron Beacon Journal reporter and author of "All the Way Home." Giffels is assistant professor of English at the University of Akron. The music and dance prize will go to world percussionist Jamey Haddad, visiting associate professor of percussion at Oberlin College. Giffels and Haddad each will receive \$2,500.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Writer Henry Adams, professor of art history at Case Western Reserve University, is the author of "Eakins Revealed: The Secret Life of an American Artist."

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