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Milwaukee Arts Board Recognizes Outstanding Artists of the Year

The Milwaukee Arts Board will honor the recipients of its Outstanding Artists of the Year award on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Awards of \$1,500 will be presented to **Antler**, Author/Poet Laureate, and **Roy Staab**, Artist.

The awards program and reception will take place at the Next Act Theatre, 255 S. Water St. and will begin at 4:30 p.m. after the Arts Board meeting. **Media coverage is invited.**

Alderman Michael J. Murphy, chair of the Arts Board, said the board was pleased to again recognize two individuals who embody the deep well of artistic talent that Milwaukee is so fortunate to have. "Antler and Roy are both passionate in their artistic pursuits and are known nationally and internationally for their work," he said. "We are very lucky to have their creative and talented energies, and to count them as contributors to the City of Milwaukee. I'm proud to be a part of an organization that recognizes the importance of the arts, especially in challenging economic times."

Antler, Author and Poet Laureate

Antler's poems have appeared in hundreds of periodicals, including City Lights Review, New Directions Journal, Whole Earth Review, Earth First! Journal, the Amicus Journal, Utne Reader, Exquisite Corpse, Kenyon Review, Chiron Review, New York Quarterly, Wilderness and The Sun. His poem "Somewhere Along the Line," published in The Sun, was awarded a 1993 Pushcart Prize. His poems have also appeared in dozens of anthologies.

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Roy Staab, Artist

Since 1979, Milwaukee-based artist Roy Staab has created ephemeral installations along the shallow waters and shores of lakes, oceans and rivers, using found materials such as reeds, bamboo, snow, stones and lines drawn in the earth. His creations are simple geometries born of place, the materials used and the local cultures of the places he visits around the world. Like three-dimensional line drawings made of and in the landscape, Roy Staab's sculptures diagram the ties and relationships which bring us together

The Milwaukee Arts Board has recognized Artists of The Year since 1995. Past recipients include: Debra Loewen, Richard Taylor, Yevgeniya Kaganovich, John Ruebartsch, Dinorah Marquez, C. Michael Wright, Lee Erickson, Ruth Schudson & Monty Davis, Sarah Price, Jason Yi, Marie Kohler, Ray Chi, JoAnna Poehlmann, Raoul Deal, Berkeley Fudge, Mark Bucher, Kevin Stalheim, Marina Lee Meyer, Ferne Yangyeitie Caulker, James & Rose Pickering, Reynaldo Hernandez, Jill Sebastian, Terese Agnew, and John Schneider.