

Arts Foundation to give awards

The Arts Foundation of Michigan will honor five Michigan artists at its 15th annual Michigan Arts Awards ceremony on Tuesday, May 8 at Detroit Institute of Arts. Each artist receives \$3,000 as a part of the award. A Michigan arts patron will also be honored.

These are the longest running arts awards in the state and winners are recognized for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the arts in Michigan. David Curry, president of AFM, said, "The Michigan Arts Awards program is part of the Foundation's effort to stimulate new work by Michigan artists by honoring outstanding artists and patrons in Michigan. Winners must be artists working in Michigan whose exceptional talent and contributions warrant this recognition."

The 1990 winners are: Detroit

poet Naomi Long Madgett; Hudson writer Janet Kauffman; Detroit musician Marcus Belgrave; Kalamazoo composer Curtis O.B. Curtis-Smith; and Detroit painter Carol Wald. The Patron Award will go to Dr. Robert E. L. Perkins of Detroit.

Madgett has written seven volumes of poetry, the most recent is "Octavia and Other Poems." Her work has appeared in numerous journals and more than 100 anthologies.

She has lived in Detroit since 1946 and is professor emerita of the English department of Eastern Michigan University.

KAUFFMAN'S MOST recent book is "Obscene Gestures for Women." Her 1984 short story publication, "Places in the World a Woman Could Walk" has been

nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and received an award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. She is currently teaching English and writing at Eastern Michigan University.

Belgrave, trumpet, has performed with musicians such as Roy Charles and his orchestra, Jazze Gillespie and Archie Franklin. He was elected to the Detroit Jazz Hall of Fame and was a delegate to the 100th Congressional Jazz Bill in Washington, D.C.

Curtis-Smith has been a visiting lecturer in composition at University of Michigan and Chungnam National University in Korea. He has received more than 60 grants, awards and commissions. Leon Fleisher has commissioned him to do a piano concerto to be performed next year.

Wald, a Detroit native, studied at

Society of Arts and Crafts and Cranbrook Academy of Art. She has more than 35 national solo exhibitions to her credit and her work has been in Time, Fortune, Business Week, Ms. and Reader's Digest.

Perkins, a dentist, has been an arts patron for the last 27 years. He has supported many organizations and artists and has personally sponsored and produced a number of dramatic productions including the first Afro-American Artists Exhibition at Detroit Institute of Arts in 1968. He has the largest collection of African-American art in Michigan in which many of the black artists he supported during the early careers are represented.

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