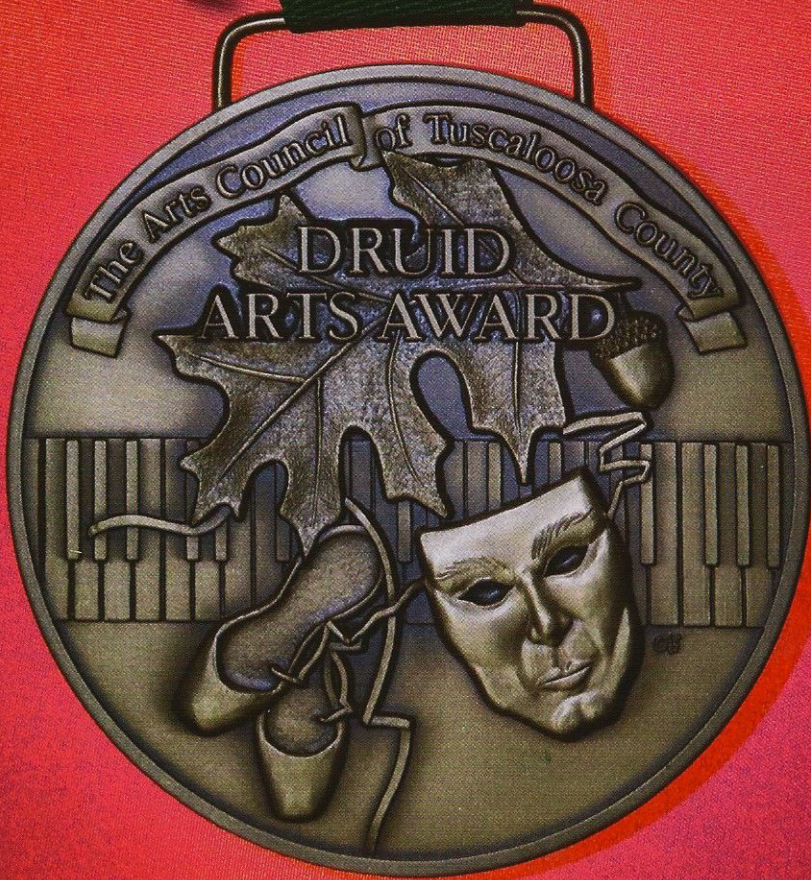
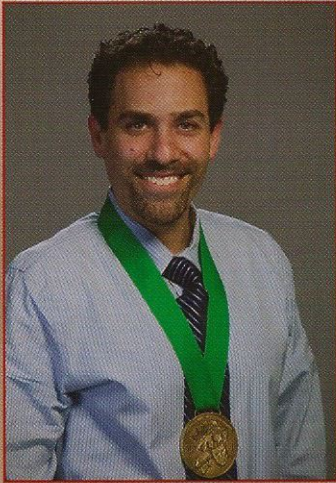


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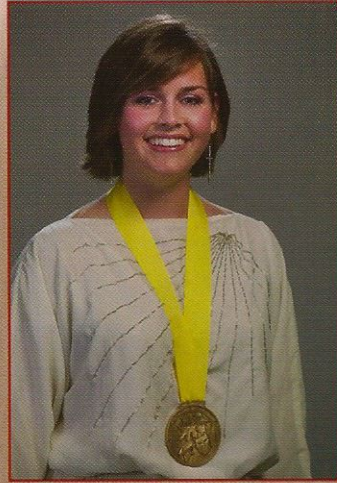
Druid Arts Awards



The Arts and Humanities Council of Tuscaloosa County honored artists, volunteers, educators, corporate sponsors, a “home grown” artist and a patron of the arts at the 19th Druid Arts Awards on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at the historic Bama Theatre. Twenty years ago, the Arts and Humanities Council realized that the number of talented and dedicated people who were working as volunteers, artists and educators in the West Alabama community was very large and growing rapidly. The Council also realized the work of these individuals often was not publicly recognized. It was for this reason that the Druid Arts Awards were established as an annual, and now bi-annual (since 2003) presentation to recognize individuals who have achieved distinction over a number of years in the arts in Tuscaloosa County. Awards in the disciplines of music, theatre, literary art, visual art, and dance are presented, along with the Patron of the Arts Award, and one or more Special Awards. Twelve years ago, a Corporate Sponsor of the Year Award was added. As well as recognizing deserving individuals, the Council also wanted to recognize the significance of corporate support in our community. A “Home Grown” award was added in 2009 in response to the desire to recognize individuals who, after spending their early years under the influence of the local artistic and educational community, have achieved significant recognition among their peers on a national and international level. The following pages feature the winners of the 2011 Druid Arts Awards.



Theater Educator
Seth Panitch



Dance Artist
Madison Ray Leavelle



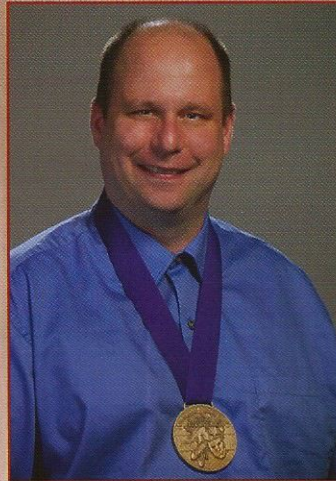
Dance Artist
Amy Cole Ahmed



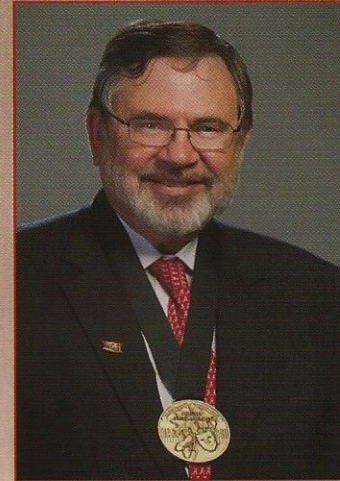
Dance Volunteer
Debbi West



Theatre Volunteers
Faye and Billy Pearson



Literary Artist
Joseph Wood
Slash Pine Press



Special Award
The University of Alabama
College of Arts & Sciences
Dean Robert Olin



Guests and award recipients are seen during the reception prior to the 19th Druid Arts Awards at the Bama Theatre.