

# NATIONAL HERITAGE FELLOWS

## 1982–2019

### 1982

**Dewey Balfa** \*  
Cajun Fiddler  
Basile, LA

**Joe Heaney** \*  
Irish Singer  
Brooklyn, NY

**Tommy Jarrell** \*  
Appalachian Fiddler  
Mt. Airy, NC

**Bessie Jones** \*  
Georgia Sea Island Singer  
Brunswick, GA

**George Lopez** \*  
Santos Woodcarver  
Cordova, NM

**Brownie McGhee** \*  
Blues Guitarist/Singer  
Oakland, CA

**Hugh McGraw** \*  
Shape Note Singer  
Bremen, GA

**Lydia Mendoza** \*  
Mexican-American Singer  
San Antonio, TX

**Bill Monroe** \*  
Bluegrass Musician  
Nashville, TN

**Elijah Pierce** \*  
Carver/Painter  
Columbus, OH

**Adam Popovich** \*  
Tamburitza Musician  
Dolton, IL

**Georgeann Robinson** \*  
Osage Ribbonworker  
Bartelsville, OK

**Duff Severe** \*  
Saddle Maker  
Pendleton, OR

**Philip Simmons** \*  
Ornamental Ironwork  
Charleston, SC

**Sanders "Sonny" Terry** \*  
Blues Harmonica/Singer  
Holliswood, NY

\* Deceased

### 1983

**Sister Mildred Barker** \*  
Shaker Singer  
Poland Spring, ME

**Rafael Cepeda** \*  
Bomba Musician/Dancer  
Santurce, PR

**Ray Hicks** \*  
Appalachian Storyteller  
Banner Elk, NC

**Stanley Hicks** \*  
Appalachian Musician/Storyteller/  
Instrument Maker  
Vilas, NC

**John Lee Hooker** \*  
Blues Guitarist/Singer  
San Francisco, CA

**Mike Manteo** \*  
Sicilian Marionettist  
Staten Island, NY

**Narciso Martinez** \*  
Texas-Mexican Accordionist/  
Composer  
San Benito, TX

**Lanier Meaders** \*  
Potter  
Cleveland, GA

**Almeda Riddle** \*  
Ballad Singer  
Greens Ferry, AR

**Joe Shannon** \*  
Irish Piper  
Chicago, IL

**Simon St. Pierre**  
French-American Fiddler  
Smyrna Mills, ME

**Alex Stewart** \*  
Cooper/Woodworker  
Sneedville, TN

**Ada Thomas** \*  
Chitimacha Basketmaker  
Charenton, LA

**Lucinda Toomer** \*  
African-American Quilter  
Columbus, GA

**Lem Ward** \*  
Decoy Carver/Painter  
Crisfield, MD

**Dewey Williams** \*  
Shape Note Singer  
Ozark, AL

### 1984

**Clifton Chenier** \*  
Creole Accordionist  
Lafayette, LA

**Bertha Cook** \*  
Knotted Bedspread Maker  
Boone, NC

**Joseph Cormier** \*  
Cape Breton Violinist  
Waltham, MA

**Elizabeth Cotten** \*  
African-American Singer/Songster  
Syracuse, NY

**Burlon Craig** \*  
Potter  
Vale, NC

**Albert Fahlbusch** \*  
Hammered Dulcimer Player/  
Builder  
Scottsbluff, NE

**Janie Hunter** \*  
African-American Singer/  
Storyteller  
Johns Island, SC

**Mary Jane Manigault** \*  
African-American Seagrass  
Basketmaker  
Mt. Pleasant, SC

**Genevieve Mougín** \*  
Lebanese-American Lace Maker  
Bettendorf, IA

**Martin Mulvihill** \*  
Irish-American Fiddler  
Bronx, NY

**Howard "Sandman" Sims** \*  
African-American Tap Dancer  
New York, NY

**Ralph Stanley** \*  
Bluegrass Banjo Player/  
Appalachian Singer  
Coeburn, VA

**Margaret Tafoya** \*  
Santa Clara Pueblo Potter  
Espanola, NM

**Dave Tarras** \*  
Klezmer Clarinetist  
Brooklyn, NY

**Paul Tiulana** \*  
Eskimo Mask Maker/Dancer/  
Singer  
Anchorage, AK

**Cleofas Vigil** \*  
Hispanic Storyteller/Singer  
San Cristobal, NM

**Emily Kau'i Zuttermeister** \*  
Hula Master (Kumu Hula)  
Kaneohe, HI

1985

**Eppie Archuleta \***  
Hispanic Weaver  
San Luis Valley, CO

**Periklis Halkias \***  
Greek Clarinetist  
Astoria Queens, NY

**Jimmy Jausoro \***  
Basque Accordionist  
Boise, ID

**Mealii Kalama \***  
Hawaiian Quilter  
Honolulu, HI

**Lily May Ledford \***  
Appalachian Musician/Singer  
Lexington, KY

**Leif Melgaard \***  
Norwegian Woodcarver  
Minneapolis, MN

**Bua Xou Mua \***  
Hmong Musician  
Portland, OR

**Julio Negrón-Rivera \***  
Puerto Rican Instrument Maker  
Morovis, PR

**Alice New Holy  
Blue Legs \***  
Lakota Sioux Quill Artist  
Rapid City, SD

**Glenn Ohrlin \***  
Cowboy Singer/Storyteller/  
Illustrator  
Mountain Veiw, AR

**Henry Townsend \***  
Blues Musicain/Songwriter  
St. Louis, MO

**Horace "Spoons"  
Williams \***  
Percussionist/ Poet  
Philadelphia, PA

1986

**Alphonse "Bois Sec"  
Ardoin \***  
Creole Accordionist  
Eunice, LA

**Earnest Bennett \***  
Anglo-American Whittler  
Indianapolis, IN

**Helen Cordero \***  
Pueblo Potter  
Cochiti, NM

**Sonia Domsch**  
Czech-American Bobbin  
Lace Maker  
Atwood, KS

**Canray Fontenot \***  
Creole Fiddler  
Welsh, La

**John Jackson \***  
Black Songster/Guitarist  
Fairfax Station, VA

**Peou Khatna \***  
Cambodian Court Dancer/  
Choreographer  
Silver Spring, MD

**Valerio Longoria \***  
Mexican-American Accordionist  
San Antonio, TX

**Doc Tate Nevaquaya \***  
Comanche Indian Flutist  
Apache, OK

**Luis Ortega \***  
Hispanic-American  
Rawhide Worker  
Paradise, CA

**Ola Belle Reed \***  
Appalachian Banjo Picker/Singer  
Rising Sun, MD

**Jennie Thlunaut \***  
Tlingit Chilkat Blanket Weaver  
Haines, AK

**Nimrod Workman \***  
Appalachian Ballad Singer  
Macot, & Chattaroy, TN/WV

1987

**Juan Alindato \***  
Carnival Maskmaker  
Ponce, PR

**Louis Bashell \***  
Slovenian Accordionist  
Greenfield, WI

**Genoveva Castellanoz**  
Mexican-American Corona Maker  
Nyssa, OR

**Thomas Edison  
"Brownie" Ford \***  
Anglo-Comanche Cowboy  
Singer/Storyteller  
Herbert, LA

**Kansuma Fujima**  
Japanese-American Dancer  
Los Angeles, CA

**Claude Joseph Johnson \***  
African-American Religious  
Singer/Orator  
Atlanta, GA

**Raymond Kane \***  
Hawaiian Slack Key Guitarist/  
Singer  
Wai'ane, HI

**Wade Mainer \***  
Appalachian Banjo Picker/Singer  
Flint, MI

**Sylvester McIntosh \***  
Crucian Singer/Bandleader  
St. Croix, VI

**Allison "Tootie" Montana \***  
Mardi Gras Chief/Costume Maker  
New Orleans, LA

**Alex Moore, Sr. \***  
African-American Blues Pianist  
Dallas, TX

**Emilio & Senaida Romero \***  
Hispanic-American Tin and  
Embroidery Workers  
Santa Fe, NM

**Newton Washburn \***  
Split Ash Basketmaker  
Bethlehem, NH

1988

**Pedro Ayala \***  
Mexican-American Accordionist  
Donna, TX

**Kepka Belton**  
Czech-American Egg Painter  
Ellsworth, KS

**Amber Densmore \***  
New England Quilter/  
Needleworker  
Chelsea, VT

**Michael Flatley**  
Irish-American Stepdancer  
Palos Park, IL

**Sister Rosalia Haberl \***  
German-American Bobbin  
Lace Maker  
Hankinson, ND

**John Dee Holeman**  
African-American Musician/  
Dancer/Singer  
Durham, NC

**Albert "Sunnyland Slim"  
Laudrew \***  
Blues Pianist/Singer  
Chicago, IL

**Yang Fang Nhu \***  
Hmong Weaver/Embroiderer  
Detroit, MI

**Kenny Sidle**  
Anglo-American Fiddler  
Newark, OH

**Willi Mae Ford Smith \***  
African-American Gospel Singer  
St. Louis, MO

**Clyde "Kindy" Sproat \***  
Hawaiian Cowboy Singer/Ukulele  
Player  
Kapaaee, HI

**Arthel "Doc" Watson \***  
Appalachian Guitarist/Singer  
Deep Gap, NC

# 1989

**John Cephas \***

Piedmont Blues Guitarist/Singer  
Woodford, VA

**Fairfield Four**

African-American a Capelle  
Gospel Singers  
Nashville, TN

**José Gutiérrez**

Mexican Jarocho Musician/Singer  
Norwalk, CA

**Richard Avedis Hagopian**

Armenian Oud Player  
Visalia, CA

**Christy Hengel \***

German-American Concertina  
Maker  
New Ulm, MN

**Vanessa Paukeigope  
Jennings**

Kiowa Regalia Maker  
Fort Cobb, OK

**Ilias Kementzides \***

Pontic Greek Lyra Player  
and Builder  
South Norwalk, CT

**Ethel Kvalheim \***

Norwegian Rosemaler  
Stoughton, WI

**Mabel E. Murphy \***

Anglo-American Quilter  
Fulton, MO

**LaVaughn E. Robinson \***

African-American Tap Dancer  
Philadelphia, PA

**Earl Scruggs \***

Bluegrass Banjo Player  
Nashville, TN

**Harry V. Shourds \***

Wildfowl Decoy Carver  
Seaville, NJ

**Chesley Goseyun Wilson**

Apache Fiddle Maker  
Tucson, AZ

# 1990

**Howard Armstrong \***

African-American String  
Band Musician  
Boston, MA

**Em Bun \***

Cambodian Silk Weaver  
Harrisburg, PA

**Natividad Cano \***

Mexican-American Mariachi  
Musician  
Fillmore, CA

**Giuseppe \* and  
Raffaella DeFranco**

Southern Italian Musicians and  
Dancers  
Belleville, NJ

**Maude Kegg \***

Ojibwe Storyteller/Craftsperson/  
Tradition Bearer  
Onamia, MN

**Kevin Locke**

Lakota Flute Player/Singer/  
Dancer/Storyteller  
Wakpala, SD

**Marie McDonald**

Hawaiian Lei Maker  
Kamuela, HI

**Wallace McRae**

Cowboy Poet  
Forsyth, MT

**Art Moilanen \***

Finnish Accordionist  
Mass City, MI

**Emilio Rosado \***

Woodcarver  
Utado, PR

**Robert Spicer \***

Flatfoot and Buckdancer Dancer  
Dickson, TN

**Douglas Wallin \***

Appalachian Ballad Singer  
Marshall, NC

# 1991

**Etta Baker \***

African-American Guitarist  
Morgantown, NC

**George Blake**

Native American Craftsman  
(Hupa-Yurok)  
Hoopa Valley, CA

**Jack Coen \***

Irish-American Flautist  
Bronx, NY

**Rose Frank \***

Nez Perce Cornhusk Weaver  
Lapwai, ID

**Eduardo "Lalo" Guerrero \***

Mexican-American Singer/  
Guitarist/Composer  
Cathedral City, CA

**Khamvong Insixiangmai**

Southeast Asian Lao Singer  
Fresno, CA

**Don King \***

Western Saddlemaker  
Sheridan, WY

**Riley "B.B." King \***

African-American Blues Musician/  
Singer/bandleader  
Itta Bena, MS

**Esther Littlefield \***

Alaskan Regalia Maker (Tlingit)  
Sitka, AK

**Seisho "Harry" Nakasone \***

Okinawan-American Musician  
Honolulu, HI

**Irvan Perez \***

Isleno Singer (Canary Islands)  
Poydras, LA

**Morgan Sexton \***

Appalachian Banjo Player/Singer  
Linefork, KY

**Nikitas Tsimouris \***

Greek-American Bagpipe Player  
Tarpon Springs, FL

**Gussie Wells \***

African-American Quilter  
Oakland, CA

**Arbie Williams \***

African-American Quilter  
Oakland, CA

**Melvin Wine \***

Appalachian Fiddler  
Copen, WV

# 1992

**Francisco Aguabella \***

Afro-Cuban Drummer  
Los Angeles, CA

**Jerry Brown \***

Potter (southern stoneware  
tradition)  
Hamilton, AL

**Walker Calhoun \***

Cherokee Musician/Dancer/  
Teacher  
Cherokee, NC

**Clyde Davenport**

Appalachian Fiddler  
Jamestown, TN

**Belle Deacon \***

Athabaskan Basketmaker  
Greyling, AK

**Nora Ezell \***

African-American Quilter  
Five Points, TN

**Gerald Hawpetoss \***

Menominee/Potowatomie  
Regalia Maker  
Neopit, WI

**Fatima Kuinova**

Bukharan Jewish Singer  
Rego Park, NY

**John Yoshio Naka \***

Bonsai Sculptor  
Whittier, CA

**Marc Savoy**

Cajun Accordion Player/Builder  
Eunice, LA

**Ng Sheung-Chi \***

Chinese Toissan Muk'yu Folk  
Singer  
New York, NY

**Othar Turner \***

African-American Fife Player  
Senatobia, MS

**Tanjore Viswanathan \***

South Indian Flute Maker  
Middletown, CT

\* Deceased

1993

**Santiago Almeida \***  
Texas-Mexican Conjunto Musician  
Sunnyside, WA

**Kenny Baker \***  
Bluegrass Fiddler  
Cottontown, TN

**Inez Catalan \***  
French Creole Singer  
Kaplan, LA

**Elena & Nicholas Charles \***  
Yupik Woodcaver/Maskmaker/  
and Skin Sewer  
Bethel, AK

**Charles Hankins \***  
Boatbuilder  
Lavallette, NJ

**Nalani Kanaka'ole &  
Pualani Kanaka'ole  
Kanahele**  
Hula Masters  
Hilo, HI

**Everett Kapayou \***  
Native American Singer  
(Meskwaki)  
Tama, IA

**McIntosh County  
Shouters**  
African-American Spiritual/  
Shout Ensemble  
St. Simons Island, GA

**Elmer Miller \***  
Bit and Spur Maker/Silversmith  
Nampa, ID

**Jack Owens \***  
Blues Singer/Guitarist  
Benton, MS

**Mone & Vanxay  
Saenphimmachak**  
Lao Weaver/Needleworker  
and Loom Maker  
St. Louis, MO

**Liang-Xing Tang**  
Chinese-American Pipa (Lute)  
Player  
Bayside, NY

1994

**Liz Carroll**  
Irish-American Fiddler  
Mundelein, IL

**Clarence Fountain \* & The  
Blind Boys of Alabama**  
African-American  
Gospel Singers  
Atlanta, GA

**Mary Mitchell Gabriel \***  
Native American  
(Passamaquoddy) Basketmaker  
Princeton, ME

**Johnny Gimble \***  
Western Swing Fiddler  
Dripping Springs, TX

**Frances Varos Graves \***  
Hispanic American "Colcha"  
Embroidery  
Rancho De Taos, NM

**Violet Hilbert \***  
Native American (Skagit)  
Storyteller/Conservator  
Ca Conner, WA

**Sosie Shizuye  
Matsumoto \***  
Japanese Tea Ceremony Master  
Los Angeles, CA

**D.I. Menard \***  
Cajun Musician/Songwriter  
Erath, LA

**Simon Shaheen**  
Arab American Oud Player  
Brooklyn, NY

**Lily Vorperian**  
Armenian (Marash-Style)  
Embroidery  
Glendale, CA

**Elder Roma Wilson \***  
African-American Harmonica  
Player  
Oxford, MS

1995

**Bao Mo-Li**  
Chinese-American Jing-Erhu  
Player  
Flushing, NY

**Mary Holiday Black**  
Navajo Basketmaker  
Mexican Hat, UT

**Lyman Enloe \***  
Old-Time Fiddler  
Lee's Summit, MO

**Donny Golden**  
Irish-American Step Dancer  
Brooklyn, NY

**Wayne Henderson**  
Appalachian Luthier, Musician  
Mouth of Wilson, VA

**Bea Ellis Hensley \***  
Appalachian Blacksmith  
Spruce Pine, NC

**Nathan Jackson**  
Tlingit Alaskan Woodcaver/  
Metalsmith/Dancer  
Ketchikan, AK

**Danongan Kalanduyan \***  
Filipino-American Kulintang  
Musician  
South San Francisco, CA

**Robert Jr. Lockwood \***  
African-American Delta Blues  
Singer/Guitarist  
Cleveland, OH

**Israel "Cachao" López \***  
Afro-Cuban Bassist, Composer,  
and Bandleader  
Miami, FL

**Nellie Star Boy Menard \***  
Lakota Sioux Quiltmaker  
Rosebud, SD

**Buck Ramsey \***  
Anglo-American Cowboy Poet,  
Singer  
Amarillo, TX

1996

**Obo Addy \***  
African (Ghanaian) Master  
Drummer/Leader  
Portland, OR

**Betty Pisis Christenson \***  
Ukrainian-American Pysanky  
Suring, WI

**Paul Dahlin**  
Swedish-American Fiddler  
Minneapolis, MN

**Juan Gutiérrez**  
Puerto Rican Drummer/Leader  
(Bomba and Plena)  
New York, NY

**Solomon \* & Richard \*  
Ho'opii**  
Hawaiian Falsetto Singers/  
Musicians  
Makawao, HI

**Will Keys \***  
Anglo-American Banjo Player  
Gray, TN

**Joaquin Lujan \***  
Chamorro Blacksmith  
GMF, GU

**Eva McAdams**  
Shoshone Crafts/Beadwork  
Fort Washakie, WY

**John Mealing & Cornelius  
Wright, Jr. \***  
African-American Work Songs  
Birmingham, AL

**Vernon Owens**  
Anglo-American Potter  
Seagrove, NC

**Dolly Spencer \***  
Inupiat Dollmaker  
Homer, AK

# 1997

**Edward Babb**

"Shout" Band Gospel Trombonist  
& Band Leader  
Jamaica, NY

**Charles Brown \***

West Coast Blues Pianist &  
Composer  
Berkeley, CA

**Gladys Leblanc Clark \***

Acadian (Cajun) Spinner &  
Weaver  
Duson, LA

**Georgia Harris \***

Catawba Potter  
Atlanta, GA

**Wen-Yi Hua**

Chinese Kunqu Opera Singer  
Arcadia, CA

**Ali Akbar Khan \***

North Indian Sarod Player  
& Raga Composer  
San Anselmo, CA

**Ramón José López**

Santero & Metalsmith  
Santa Fe, NM

**Jim\* & Jesse McReynolds**

Bluegrass Musician  
Gallatin, TN

**Phong Nguyen**

Vietnamese Musician/Scholar  
Kent, OH

**Hystercine Rankin \***

African-American Quilter  
Lorman, MS

**Francis Whitaker \***

Blacksmith/Ornamental  
Iron Work  
Carbondale, CO

# 1998

**Apsara Ensemble**

Cambodian Musicians & Dancers  
Fort Washington, MD

**Eddie Blazonczyk \***

Polish Polka Musician/Bandleader  
Bridgeview, IL

**Bruce Caesar**

Sac Fox-Pawnee German  
Silversmith  
Anadarko, OK

**Dale Calhoun \***

Boatbuilder (Reelfoot Lake  
Stumpjumper)  
Tiptonville, TN

**Antonio De La Rosa \***

Tejano Conjunto Accordionist  
Riviera, TX

**Epstein Brothers**

Klezmer Musicians  
Sarasota, FL

**Sophia George**

Yakima Colville Beadwork  
and Regalia  
Gresham, OR

**Nadjeschda Overgaard \***

Danish Hardanger Embroidery  
Kimballton, IA

**Harilaos Papapostolou \***

Byzantine Chant, Greek Orthodox  
Potomac, MD

**Roebuck "Pops" Staples \***

Gospel/Blues Musician  
Dalton, IL

**Claude "The Fiddler"  
Williams \***

Jazz Swing Fiddler  
Kansas City, MO

# 1999

**Frisner Augustin \***

Haitian Drummer  
New York, NY

**Lila Greengrass Blackdeer**

Hocak Black Ash Basketmaker,  
Needleworker  
Black River Falls, WI

**Shirley Caesar**

Gospel Singer  
Durham, NC

**Alfredo Campos**

Horeshair Hitcher  
Federal Way, WA

**Mary Louise Defender  
Wilson**

Dakota Hidatsa Traditionalist  
and Storyteller  
Shields, ND

**Jimmy "Slyde" Godbolt \***

African-American Tap Dancer  
Hanson, MA

**Ulysses "Uly" Goode \***

Western Mono Basketmaker  
North Fork, CA

**Bob Holt \***

Ozark Fiddler  
Ava, MO

**Zakir Hussain**

North Indian Master Tabla  
Drummer  
San Anselmo, CA

**Elliott "Ellie" Manette \***

Trinidadian Steel Pan Builder,  
Tuner, Performer  
Osage, WV

**Mick Moloney**

Irish Musician  
New York, NY

**Eudokia Sorochaniuk \***

Ukrainian Weaver, Textile Artists,  
Embroidery  
Pennsauken, NJ

**Ralph Stanley**

Master Boatbuilder, (Friendship  
Sloop)  
Southwest Harbor, ME

# 2000

**Bounxou Chanthraphone**

Lao Weaver, Embroiderer  
Brookland Park, MN

**Dixie Hummingbirds \***

African-American Gospel Quartet  
Philadelphia, PA

**Felipe García Villamil**

Afro-Cuban Drummer/Santero  
Los Angeles, CA

**José González \***

Puerto Rican Hammock Weaver  
San Sebastián, PR

**Nettie Jackson**

Klickitat Basketmaker  
White Swan, WA

**Santiago Jiménez, Jr**

Tex-Mex Accordionist/Singer  
San Antonio, TX

**Genoa Keawe \***

Hawaiian Tto Singer/  
Ukulele Player  
Honolulu, HI

**Frankie Manning \***

Lindy Hop Dancer  
Choreographer/Innovator  
Corona, NY

**Joe Willie "Pinetop"  
Perkins \***

Blues Piano Player  
La Porte, IN

**Konstantinos Pilarinos**

Orthodox Byzantine Icon  
Woodcarver  
Astoria, NY

**Chris Strachwitz**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Record Producer/Label Founder  
El Cerrito, CA

**B. Dorothy Thompson \***

Appalachian Weaver  
Davis, WV

**Don Walser \***

Cowboy & Western Singer/  
Guitarist/Composer  
Austin, TX

\* Deceased

## 2001

### **Celestino Avilés \***

Santero  
Orocovis, PR

### **Mozell Benson \***

African-American Quilter  
Opelika, AL

### **Wilson "Boozoo" Chavis \***

Zydeco Accordionist  
Lake Charles, LA

### **Hazel Dickens \***

Appalachian Singer  
Washington, DC

### **Evalena Henry**

Apache Basketweaver  
Peridot, AZ

### **Peter Kyvelos \***

Oud Builder  
Bedford, MA

### **João "João Grande" Olivera Dos Santos**

Capoeira Angola Master  
New York, NY

### **Eddie Pennington**

Thumbpicking Style Guitarist  
Princeton, KY

### **Qi Shu Fang**

Peking Opera Performer  
Woodhaven, NY

### **Seiichi Tanaka**

Taiko Drummer Dojo Founder  
San Francisco, CA

### **Dorothy Trumpold \***

Rug Weaver  
High Amana, IA

### **Fred Tsoodle \***

Kiowa Sacred Song Leader  
Mountain View, OK

### **Joseph Wilson \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Folklorist/Advocate/Presenter  
Fries, VA

## 2002

### **Ralph Blizard \***

Old-Time Fiddler  
Blountville, TN

### **Loren Bommelyn**

Tolowa Singer, Tradition Bearer,  
Basketmaker  
Crescent City, CA

### **Kevin Burke**

Irish Fiddler  
Portland, OR

### **Francis & Rose Cree \***

Ojibwa Basketmakers/Storytellers  
Dunseith, ND

### **Luderin Darbone/ Edwin Duhon \***

Cajun Fiddler and Accordionist  
Sulphur/Westlake, LA

### **Nadim Dlaikan**

Lebanese Nye (Reed Flute) Player  
Southgate, MI

### **David "Honeyboy" Edwards \***

Delta Blues Guitarist/Singer  
Chicago, IL

### **Flory Jagoda**

Sephardic Musician/Composer  
Alexandria, VA

### **Losang Samten**

Tibetan Sand Mandala Painter  
Philadelphia, PA

### **Bob McQuillen \***

Contra Dance Musician Composer  
Peterborough, NH

### **Clara Neptune Keezer \***

Passamaquoddy Basketmaker  
Perry, ME

### **Jean Ritchie \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Appalachian Singer/Songwriter  
Dulcimer Player  
Port Washington, NY

### **Domingo "Mingo" Saldivar**

Conjunto Accordionist  
San Antonio, TX

## 2003

### **Basque "Bertsolari" Poets**

**Jesus Arriada**  
San Francisco, CA

### **Johnny Curutchet**

South San Francisco, CA

### **Martin Goicoechea**

Rock Springs, WY

### **Jesus Goni**

Reno, NV

### **Rosa Elene Egipciano**

Puerto Rican Bobbin Lace  
"Mundillo"  
New York, NY

### **Agnes Oshanee Kenmille \***

Salish Beadwork and Tanning  
Ronan, MT

### **Norman Kennedy**

Weaver/Ballad Singer  
Marshfield, VT

### **Roberto \* & Lorenzo Martinez**

Hispanic Guitarist & Violinist  
Albuquerque, NM

### **Norma Miller \***

African-American Jazz Dancer,  
Choreographer  
Cape Coral, FL

### **Carmencristina Moreno**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)

Mexican-American Singer,  
Composer, Teacher  
Fresno, CA

### **Ron Poast**

Hardanger Fiddle Luthier  
and Player  
Black Earth, WI

### **Felipe I. & Joseph K. Ruak**

Carolinian Stick Dance Leaders  
Saipan, MP

### **Manoochehr Sadeghi**

Persian Santour Player  
Sherman Oaks, CA

### **Nicholas Toth**

Diving Helmet Builder  
Tarpon Springs, FL

## 2004

### **Anjani Ambegaokar**

Kathak Dancer  
Diamond Bar, CA

### **Charles "Chuck" T. Campbell**

Gospel Steel Guitarist  
Rochester, NY

### **Joe Derrane \***

Irish-American Button  
Accordionist  
Randolph, MA

### **Jerry Douglas**

Dobro Player  
Nashville, TN

### **Gerald Subiyay Miller \***

Skokomish Tradition Bearer  
Shelton, WA

### **Milan Opacich \***

Tamburitza Instrument Maker  
Scherverville, IN

### **Eliseo & Paula Rodriguez \***

Straw Applique Artists  
Santa Fe, NM

### **Koko Taylor \***

Blues Musician  
Country Club Hills, IL

### **Yuqin Wang & Zhengli Xu**

Chinese Rod Puppeteers  
Tigard, OR

### **Chum Ngek**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Cambodian Musician and Teacher  
Gaithersburg, MD

## 2005

### **Herminia Albarrán Romero**

Paper-Cutting Artist  
San Francisco, CA

### **Eldrid Skjold Arntzen**

Norwegian-American Rosemaler  
Watertown, CT

### **Earl Barthé \***

Decorative Building Craftsman  
New Orleans, LA

### **Chuck Brown \***

African-American  
Musical Innovator  
Brandywine, MD

### **Janette Carter \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Appalachian Musician, Advocate  
Hiltons, VA

### **Michael Doucet**

Cajun Fiddler, Composer,  
and Band Leader  
Lafayette, LA

### **Jerry Grcevich**

Tamburitza Musician,  
Prim Player  
North Huntingdon, PA

### **Grace Henderson Nez \***

Navajo Weaver  
Ganado, AZ

### **Wanda Jackson**

Early Country, Rockabilly, and  
Gospel Singer  
Oklahoma City, OK

### **Beyle Schaechter-Gottesman \***

Yiddish Singer, Poet, Songwriter  
Bronx, NY

### **Albertina Walker \***

Gospel Singer  
Chicago, IL

### **James Ka'upena Wong**

Hawaiian Chanter  
Waianae, HI

## 2006

### **Charles M. Carrillo**

Santero (Carver and Painter  
of Sacred Figures)  
Santa Fe, NM

### **Delores E. Churchill**

Haida (Native Alaskan) Weaver  
Ketchikan, AK

### **Henry Gray**

Blues Piano Player, Singer  
Baton Rouge, LA

### **Doyle Lawson**

Gospel and Bluegrass Singer,  
Arranger, and Bandleader  
Bristol, TN

### **Esther Martinez \***

Native American Linguist  
and Storyteller  
San Juan Pueblo, NM

### **Diomedes Matos**

Cuatro (10-String Puerto  
Rican Guitar) Maker  
Deltona, FL

### **George Na'ope \***

Kumu Hula (Hula Master)  
Hilo, HI

### **Wilho Saari**

Finnish Kantele (Lap-Harp) Player  
Naselle, WA

### **Mavis Staples**

Gospel, Rhythm and Blues Singer  
Chicago, IL

### **Nancy Sweezy \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Advocate, Scholar, Presenter,  
and Preservationist  
Lexington, MA

### **Treme Brass Band**

New Orleans Brass Band  
New Orleans, LA

## 2007

### **Nicholas Benson**

Stone Letter Carver and  
Calligrapher  
Newport, RI

### **Sidiki Conde**

Guinean Dancer and Musician  
New York, NY

### **Violet De Cristoforo \***

Haiku Poet And Historian  
Salinas, CA

### **Roland Freeman**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Photo Documentarian, Author,  
and Exhibit Curator  
Washington, DC

### **Pat Courtney Gold**

Wasco Sally Bag Weaver  
Scappoose, Or

### **Eddie Kamae \***

Hawaiian Musician, Composer,  
Filmmaker  
Honolulu, HI

### **Agustin Lira**

Chicano Singer, Musician,  
Composer  
Fresno, CA

### **Julia Parker**

Kashia Pomo Basketmaker  
Midpines, CA

### **Mary Jane Queen \***

Appalachian Musician  
Cullowhee, NC

### **Joe Thompson \***

African-American String  
Band Musician  
Mebane, NC

### **Irvin L. Trujillo**

Rio Grande Weaver  
Chimayo, NM

### **Elaine Hoffman Watts \***

Klezmer Musician  
Havertown, PA

## 2008

### **Horace P. Axtell \***

Nez Perce Elder, Spiritual Leader,  
and Drum Maker  
Lewiston, ID

### **Dale Harwood**

Saddlemaker  
Shelley, ID

### **Bettye Kimbrell \***

Quilter  
Mt. Olive, AL

### **Jeronimo E. Lozano**

Retablo Maker  
Salt Lake City, UT

### **Walter Murray Chiesa \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Traditional Crafts Advocate  
Bayamón, PR

### **Oneida Hymn Singers Of Wisconsin**

Hymn Singing  
Oneida, WI

### **Sue Yeon Park**

Korean Dancer and Musician  
New York, NY

### **Moges Seyoum**

Ethiopian Church Musician  
Alexandria, VA

### **Jelon Vieira**

Capoeira Master  
New York, NY

### **Michael G. White**

Jazz Clarinetist, Band Leader,  
Scholar  
New Orleans, LA

### **Mac Wiseman \***

Bluegrass and Country Singer and  
Musician  
Nashville, TN

\* Deceased

2009

**The Birmingham Sunlights**

A Cappella Gospel Group  
Birmingham, AL

**Edwin Colón Zayas**

Cuatro Player  
Orocovis, PR

**Chitresh Das \***

Kathak Dancer and  
Choreographer  
San Francisco, CA

**Leroy Graber \***

German-Russian Willow  
Basketmaker  
Freeman, SD

**"Queen" Ida Guillory**

Zydeco Musician  
Daly City, CA

**Dudley Laufman**

Dance Caller and Musician  
Cantebury, NH

**Amma D. McKen**

Yoruba Orisha Singer  
Brooklyn, NY

**Joel Nelson**

Cowboy Poet  
Alpine, TX

**Teri Rofkar \***

Tlingit Weaver and Basketmaker  
Sitka, AK

**Mike Seeger \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Musician, Cultural Scholar,  
and Advocate  
Lexington, VA

**Sophiline Cheam Shapiro**

Cambodian Classical Dancer and  
Choreographer  
Long Beach, CA

2010

**Yacub Addy \***

Ghanaian Drum Master  
Latham, NY

**Jim "Texas Shorty"  
Chancellor**

Fiddler  
Rockwall, TX

**Gladys Kukana Grace \***

Lauhala (Palm Leaf) Weaver  
Honolulu, HI

**Mary Jackson**

Sweetgrass Basketweaver  
Johns Island, SC

**Del McCoury**

Bluegrass Guitarist and Singer  
Hendersonville, TN

**Judith McCulloh \***

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Folklorist and Editor  
Urbana, IL

**Kamala Lakshmi  
Narayanan**

Bharatanatyam Indian Dancer  
Mastic, NY

**Mike Rafferty \***

Irish Flute Player  
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ

**Ezequiel Torres**

Afro-Cuban Drummer and  
Drum Builder  
Miami, FL

2011

**Laverne Brackens**

Quilter  
Fairfield, TX

**Bo Dollis \***

Mardi Gras Indian Chief  
New Orleans, LA

**Jim Griffith**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Folklorist  
Tuscon, AZ

**Roy and Pj Hirabayashi**

Taiko Drum Leaders  
San Jose, CA

**Ledward Kaapana**

Slack Key Guitarist  
Kaneohe, HI

**Frank Newsome**

Old Regular Baptist Singer  
Haysi, VA

**Carlinhos Pandeiro De  
Ouro**

Frame Drum Player and  
Percussionist  
Los Angeles, CA

**Warner Williams**

Piedmont Blues Songster  
Gaithersburg, MD

**Yuri Yunakov**

Bulgarian Saxophonist  
Bloomfield, NJ

2012

**Mike Auldridge \***

Dobro Player  
Silver Spring, MD

**Paul & Darlene Bergren**

Dog Sled and Snowshoe  
Designers and Builders  
Minot, ND

**Harold A. Burnham**

Master Shipwright  
Essex, MA

**Albert B. Head**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Traditional Arts Advocate  
Montgomery, AL

**Leonardo "Flaco" Jimenez**

Tejano Accordion Player  
San Antonio, TX

**Lynne Yoshiko Nakasone**

Okinawan Dancer  
Honolulu, HI

**Molly Jeannette  
Neptune Parker**

Passamaquoddy Basket Maker  
Princeton, ME

**The Paschall Brothers**

Tidewater Gospel Quartet  
Chesapeake, VA

**Andy Statman**

Klezmer Clarinetist, Mandolinist,  
and Composer  
Brooklyn, NY



## 2013

### **Sheila Kay Adams**

Ballad Singer, Musician,  
& Storyteller  
Marshall, NC

### **Ralph Burns**

Storyteller, Pyramid Lake  
Paiute Tribe  
Nixon, NV

### **Verónica Castillo**

Ceramicist & Clay Sculptor  
San Antonio, TX

### **Séamus Connolly**

Irish Fiddler  
North Yarmouth, ME

### **Nicolae Feraru**

Cimbalom Player  
Chicago, IL

### **Carol Fran**

Swamp Blues Singer & Pianist  
Lafayette, LA

### **Pauline Hillaire**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Tradition Bearer, Lummi Tribe  
Bellingham, WA

### **David Ivey**

Sacred Harp Hymn Singer  
Huntsville, AL

### **Ramón “Chunky” Sánchez \***

Chicano Musician &  
Culture Bearer  
San Diego, CA

## 2014

### **Henry Arquette \***

Mohawk Basketmaker  
Hogansburg, NY

### **Manuel “Cowboy” Donley**

Tejano Musician and Singer  
Austin, TX

### **Kevin Doyle**

Irish Step Dancer  
Barrington, RI

### **The Holmes Brothers**

#### **Sherman Holmes Wendell Holmes \***

**Popsy Dixon \***  
Blues, Gospel, and Rhythm  
and Blues Band  
Rosedale, MD  
Saluda, VA

### **Yvonne Walker Keshick**

Odawa Quillworker  
Petoskey, MI

### **Carolyn Mazloomi**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Quilting Community Advocate  
West Chester, OH

### **Vera Nakonechny**

Ukrainian Embroiderer, Weaver  
and Beadworker  
Philadelphia, PA

### **Singing and Praying Bands of MD and DE**

African-American Religious  
Singers  
Maryland and Delaware

### **Rufus White**

Omaha Traditional Singer  
and Drum Group Leader  
Walthill, NE

## 2015

### **Rahim AlHaj**

Oud Player & Composer  
Albuquerque, NM

### **Michael Alpert**

Yiddish Musician and  
Tradition Bearer  
New York, NY

### **Mary Lee Bendolph, Lucy Mingo, and Loretta Pettway**

Quilters of Gee's Bend  
Boykin, AL

### **Dolly Jacobs**

Circus Aerialist  
Sarasota, FL

### **Yary Livan**

Cambodian Ceramicist  
Lowell, MA

### **Daniel Sheehy**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Ethnomusicologist/Folklorist  
Falls Church, VA

### **Drink Small**

Blues Artist  
Columbia, SC

### **Gertrude Yukie Tsutsumi**

Japanese Classical Dancer  
Honolulu, HI

### **Sidonka Wadina**

Slovak Straw Artist/Egg  
Decorator  
Lyons, WI

## 2016

### **Bryan Akipa**

Dakota Flute Maker and Player  
Sisseton, SD

### **Joseph Pierre “Big Chief Monk” Boudreaux**

Mardi Gras Indian Craftsman  
and Musician  
New Orleans, LA

### **Billy McComiskey**

Irish Button Accordionist  
Baltimore, MD

### **Artemio Posadas**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Master Huastecan Son Musician  
and Advocate  
San Jose, CA

### **Clarissa Rizal \***

Tlingit Ceremonial Regalia Maker  
Juneau, AK

### **Theresa Secord**

Penobscot Nation Ash/  
Sweetgrass Basketmaker  
Waterville, ME

### **Bounxeung Synanonh**

Laotian Khaen (free-reed mouth  
organ) Player  
Fresno, CA

### **Michael Vlahovich**

Master Shipwright  
Tacoma, WA/St. Michaels, MD

### **Leona Waddell**

White Oak Basketmaker  
Cecilia, KY

\* Deceased

## 2017

### **Norik Astvatsaturov**

Armenian Repoussé Metal Artist  
Wahpeton, ND

### **Anna Brown Ehlers**

Chilkat Weaver  
Juneau, AK

### **Modesto Cepeda**

Bomba and Plena Musician  
San Juan, PR

### **Ella Jenkins**

Children's Folk Singer  
and Musician  
Chicago, IL

### **Dwight Lamb**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Danish Button Accordionist and  
Missouri-Style Fiddler  
Onawa, IA

### **Thomas Maupin**

Old-time Buckdancer  
Murfreesboro, TN

### **Cyril Pahinui \***

Hawaiian Slack-key Guitarist,  
Waipahu, HI

### **Phil Wiggins**

Acoustic Blues Harmonica Player  
Takoma Park, MD

### **Eva Ybarra**

Conjunto Accordionist and  
Band Leader  
San Antonio, TX

## 2018

### **Feryal Abbasi-Ghnaim**

Palestinian Embroiderer  
Milwaukie, OR

### **Eddie Bond**

Appalachian Old-Time Fiddler  
Fries, VA

### **Kelly Church**

Anishinabe (Gun Lake Band)  
Black Ash Basketmaker  
Allegan, MI

### **Marion Coleman \***

African-American Quilter  
Castro Valley, CA

### **Manuel Cuevas**

Rodeo Tailor  
Nashville, TN

### **Ofelia Esparza**

Chicana Altarista (Day of the  
Dead Altar Maker)  
Los Angeles, CA

### **Barbara Lynn**

R&B Musician  
Beaumont, TX

### **Ethel Raim**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Traditional Music and Dance  
Advocate  
New York, NY

### **Don & Cindy Roy**

Franco-American Musicians  
Gorham, ME

## 2019

### **Dan Ansotegui**

Basque Musician and Tradition Bearer  
Boise, ID

### **Grant Bulltail**

Crow Storyteller  
Crow Agency, MT

### **Bob Fulcher**

(Bess Lomax Hawes Award)  
Folklorist and State Park Manager  
Clinton, TN

### **Linda Goss**

African-American Storyteller  
Baltimore, MD

### **James F. Jackson**

Leatherworker  
Sheridan, WY

### **Balla Kouyaté**

Balafon Player and Djeli  
Medford, MA

### **Josephine Lobato**

Spanish Colcha Embroiderer  
Westminster, CO

### **Rich Smoker**

Decoy Carver  
Marion Station, MD

**Las Tesoros de San Antonio,  
Beatriz (La Paloma del Norte)  
Llamas and Blanquita (Blanca  
Rosa) Rodríguez**  
Tejano Singers  
San Antonio, TX