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## Lindsay Strafuss to represent GAA as 2008 Charity Horseshow Princess



Photo by Don Putnam

Lindsay Strafuss, escorted by Tad Foote at the November Gala, will represent the Germantown Arts Alliance as a princess for the Germantown Charity Horse Show.

Lindsay Strafuss is excited to be the representative for the Germantown Arts Alliance at the Germantown Charity Horse Show for the spring of 2008. Lindsay lives in Memphis, with her parents, Leisa and Ben, and her two brothers, Justin and Andrew.

Lindsay has been an equestrian since age six and is currently a mem-

ber of the West Tennessee Hunter Jumper Association and the United States Equestrian Federation. She has four horses but competes with her two more experienced steeds, Jetset and Polaris.

She has been fortunate to win a number of regional hunter jumper events and cherishes her invitations to the Junior Hunter Nationals, the McClay Equitation Finals and the National Hunter Seat Medal competition recently held in Pennsylvania. Last year she was selected by the trainers in the West Tennessee region to receive the Christy Conrad Equitation Memorial Trophy, an honor bestowed on the one rider who during the past year best demonstrated equestrian skills and sportsmanship.

Lindsay volunteers for Hippotherapy, a local therapeutic horseback riding program, and the MidSouth Adaptive Sports Program. Both programs help children with special needs. She also traveled last summer to help at the National Junior Disability championships in Spokane, Washington. Lindsay has also participated in the MDA walk-a-thon, the Race for a Cure and donates her time in the local animal shelter.

Lindsay and her family are members of the Germantown Baptist Church. She is junior at Hutchison School and would someday like to become a doctor.

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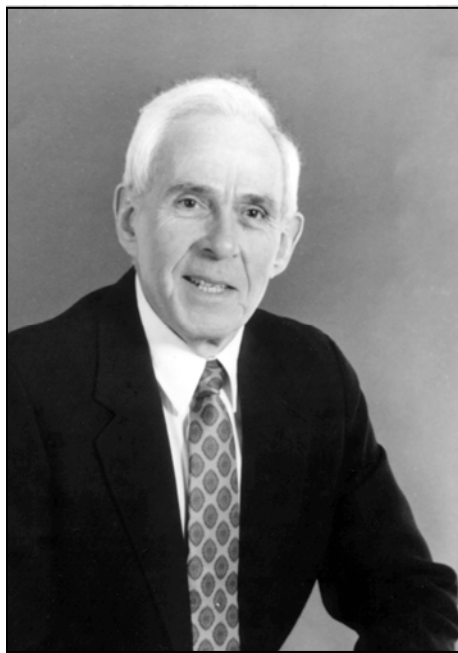
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# 2007 Arts Alliance Medalists make an impact on the Mid-South



Dr. Joseph Parker

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## Dr. Joseph Parker Patron of the Arts

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Dr. Joseph Parker, much beloved pediatrician, practiced medicine with the philosophy of following "...the Golden Rule".

The son of Polish immigrants, Parker grew up in Chattanooga, TN, where his parents owned a grocery. At sixteen he graduated from high school and entered the University of Chattanooga (now the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga). At age 18 he joined the United States Navy and then applied to medical school.

Parker graduated from University of Tennessee Medical School in 1950 and then completed a three-year residency in pediatrics at St. Joseph's Hospital (now St. Francis Hospital).

Parker was a forerunner in the fight

against childhood obesity and helped start The Church Health Center and the Get Ready for School Program.

He is a booster for the University of Tennessee and served as president of the Tennessee Pediatric society, Tennessee Cystic Fibrosis Society, Memphis Pediatric Society, Memphis Cystic Fibrosis Society, Memphis Exchange Club Family Center, and Baron Hirsch Synagogue. He retired in March of 2006.

Dr. Parker was instrumental in establishing series of concerts for budding musicians, which led to the establishment of the Ascending Artists Concert Series. He volunteers his time tutoring students in reading at Shady Grove Elementary and received the Hebe Award for Patron of the Arts. He has seven children.

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## Margaret Vaughn Literary Arts

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Margaret Britton Vaughn, is the Poet Laureate of Tennessee.

In addition to the official bicentennial poem of Tennessee, Vaughn wrote "Mr. Tennessee Music Man," the official poem for the Tennessee state quarter. She also penned the official poem for the inaugurations of Gov. Don Sundquist and Gov. Phil Bredesen. Sundquist bestowed on her the "Outstanding Tennessean Award" and she has appeared in programs on PBS, USA, TNN, TNT, and the BBC.

Born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 1938, but raised in Gulf Port, Mis-

issippi, she spent summer vacations and holidays on her aunt and uncle's farm near Murfreesboro. She earned a B.S. degree at Middle Tennessee State University.

Soon after graduation, Vaughn moved to Nashville and began writing songs for the Wilmer Brothers. She then teamed with Loretta Lynn and continued by writing songs for luminaries such as Conway Twitty, Ernest Tubb, Charlie Louvin, and Peggy Sue. She has written nine books of poetry, short stories, and children's books. As you might expect, Tennessee's poet laureate is a down-home girl, making her residence in a tiny town, a dot on the map about sixty miles southeast of Nashville, called Bell Buckle, Tennessee



Margaret Britton Vaughn

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Michael Stern

## Michael Stern Performing Arts

The 2006-07 season marked Michael Stern's second as Music Director of the Kansas City Symphony. Stern also is founding music director of the Iris Orchestra in Germantown, Tennessee.

Under Stern's direction the Iris Orchestra has been unanimously heralded for the brilliance of its playing, its varied programming, with special emphasis on American contemporary music, and for its acclaimed recordings on the Naxos and Arabesque labels. IRIS has embraced as a central part of its mission a commitment to furthering American composers and has commissioned works by a number of rising stars.

In 2000, Stern was chief conductor of Germany's Saarbrücken Radio Symphony Orchestra, the first American chief conductor in the orchestra's history. He was appointed permanent guest conductor of the Orchestre National de Lyon in France, a position which he held for four years. He has also been a frequent guest conductor at major European and North American symphonies.

He appears regularly at the Aspen Music Festival and served on the faculty of the American Academy of Conducting at Aspen.

Born in 1959, Michael Stern is a graduate of Harvard University, where he earned a degree in American History in 1981. He also received his degree from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia.

## Steve Yee Visual Arts

A lifelong interest in art began for Steve Yee in Canton, China, where he studied with the masters of the oriental school and also was taught by his mother.

When Steve was eleven, his parents conceived plan to get him out of Communist China. Upon arriving in San Francisco, he secured a job in a Chinese grocery and began learning a new language with an English-Chinese phrase book given to him by his employer.

In the early 1950's, he began living with his aunt and uncle in

Greenville, MS. In school he excelled in art and won the National Hallmark Art Award and received a scholarship to the Memphis Academy of Arts.

Steve "Jum" Yee emerged as a powerful force in the Southern Regional art scene, winning prestigious exhibitions, including the coveted grand award of the Mid South Exhibition. He has earned virtually every award given by the Tennessee Watercolor Society, and The Southern Watercolor Society.

His watercolors are his trademark work, and his paintings have won dozens of regional and national competitions. Steve is numbered among the region's civic-minded artists, contributing time and talent to worthy causes.



Steve Yee

## Mission Statement

The Germantown Arts Alliance is an advocacy and funding organization whose mission is to promote, enrich and celebrate the community's cultural arts environment.

# Give your time, talent and support to the Arts Alliance

The Germantown Arts Alliance is seeking individuals who are willing to help with events or activities.

Opportunities include the Annual Arts and Humanities Awards Dinner, grant allocations, fund solicitation, and

clerical tasks such as mail-outs, archive collection and promotions.

To join, enclose the application below indicating areas of interest along with your membership check for 2007 - 2008 and send to:

Germantown Arts Alliance  
P.O. Box 381005  
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# Thanks to our generous donors for making the 15th annual Arts Alliance Gala a memorable event

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With the support of so many individuals and corporations that contributed to the Germantown Arts Alliance, the annual Gala is able to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the arts in the Memphis area.

The 15th anniversary event was one to be remembered. We thank all who so generously gave their financial support for the endeavor.

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