



The Cultural Council Associates annually produce the Gail Rich Awards, a celebration of Gail Rich's spirit. The Awards recognize select individuals who inspire our diverse and culturally-rich community.

Gail Rich (1951–1996) was one of these amazing individuals. In addition to being active in a number of local arts organizations—and a proud supporter of many others—she spent several years as a member and chairperson of the Cultural Council Associates and served on the Cultural Council Board of Directors. The broader Santa Cruz County community knew her as a *Sentinel* Arts Correspondent and a classical music programmer on KUSP.

Gail Rich Award Recipients 1997-2011

2011

Bob Barbour, photographer
Bryn Loosely, musician
Rick McKee, musician
Lori Rivera, singer
Rose Sellery, artist
T. Mike Walker, artist

2010

Amber Coverdale Sumrall, poet, teacher
Ray and Sue Brown, musicians, educators
Peter McGettigan, videographer, producer
Iman Lizarazu, performance artist
Katheleen Crocetti, artist, teacher, activist
David Kaun, musician, philanthropist

2009

Dag Weiser, artist
Jane Sullivan, Santa Cruz Film Festival
Kirby Scudder, Santa Cruz Institute of Contemporary Arts
Mimi Snowden, Interior Design
Robert Kelly/Diane Cypher, Santa Cruz Ballet Theatre
Rowland and Pat Rebele, Philanthropists
Susan Myer, Pisces Moon Productions
The Ukulele Club of Santa Cruz

2008

Jeanne (Toyo) Wakatsuki Houston, author
Barry and Shelley Phillips, musicians
Velzo Brown, jazz musician
Tandy Beal, choreographer and Jon Scoville, composer
Tom Wolver, sculptor
Joseph Ribeiro, actor
Cheryl Anderson, choral director
Ellen Bass, writer, poet and teacher

2007

Daniella Woolf, visual artist
Don McCaslin, musician
Ellen Primack/Tom Fredericks
Jimmy Norris, drummer & bandleader
Jozseph Schulz, chef
Maria Crush, costume designer
Mayim, vocal group
Morton Marcus, poet/film critic

2006

Bob Brozman, musician
Dina Scoppettone, photographer
Neal Coonerty, bookseller
James D. Houston, writer
Harmony Grits, bluegrass group
Carol Trengove, gallery director
Chip, producer
The Great Morgani, accordionist

2005

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Janet Allinger, visual artist
James Aschbacher & Lisa Jensen Aschbacher, artist & writer
Banana Slug String Band, musicians/educators
Maya Barsacq, concert producer
Ginny Mitchell, singer/songwriter
Eric Thiermann, filmmaker
Patrick Trefz, photographer
Um...Gee...Umm, improv theater troupe

2004

Eleazar Cortes, mariachi musician
Art & Revolution, political theater collective
Roger Heitzman, woodworker/designer
Nancy LeVan, singer/songwriter
Ken Kraft, guitarist
Laurence Bedford, Rio Theatre owner
Gerry Mandel & William Rubel, Stone Soup founders
Arthur Hull, percussionist

2003

Lile Cruse, band leader/impresario
Michael Eckerman, stone artist
Keith Greeninger, singer/songwriter
Tim Jackson, jazz icon
Janet Johns & Esperanza del Valle
folklorico dance troupe
Billie Harris, actress/storyteller
Rock Lerum, physical comedian
B. Modern, costume designer

2002

Mary Ann & Albert Kent and Tom Miller, Henfling's Tavern
Audrey Stanley, director/scholar
Susie Bright, writer/provocateur
Helené, dancer/teacher
Geoffrey Dunn, writer/historian/filmmaker
Jim Urban, artist/designer/sign painter
Suzanne Schrag, actor/comic
Dror Sinai, businessman/rhythmologist

2001

Ikuyo Conant, Taiko artistic director
Smith, Gail, Smith Jr. & Sasha Dobson, jazz musicians
Richard Hoover, guitar maker
r. r. jones, photographer

Sister Barbara Long, music director
Jim Phillips, commercial artist
John Sandidge, concert promoter, radio personality
Suzanne St. John, videographer, singer

2000

Kathleen Bartlett Abood, artist
Ralph Peduto, actor
Josh Gitomer, choir director
Larry Hosford, singer/songwriter
Vern & Carol Bowie, artists
Patrice Vecchione, poet
Bill Welch & Phil Lewis, Moe's Alley/SC Blues Festival
Monica Parker, singer

1999

Linda Arnold, singer/songwriter
William Coulter, guitarist
Maestro Salvatore D'Aura, opera director
Wilma Marcus Chandler, theater director/teacher
Ann Morhauser, art glass designer
George & Gail Ow, philanthropists
Manuel Santana, painter/sculptor
Claudia Villela, singer

1998

Bruce Lee, performance artist
John Orlando, musician
Kate Hawley, actress & dramatist
Laurie King, novelist
Mary McCaslin, singer/songwriter
Nikki Silva & Charles Prentiss, curators
Sean Seeman, director of Young at Heart
Thom Zajac, publisher

1997

Guillermo Aranda, muralist
Phil Collins, composer
Joe Ferrara, merchant
Laura Ellen Hopper, disc jockey
Ernest T. "Bud" Kretschmer, arts patron
Tracye Lea Lawson, arts advocate
Bob Lowery, bluesman
Holt Murray, sculptor and mentor
Rick Walker, percussionist

Eric Schoeck, litterateur
Troxell family, actors
Sara Wilbourne, dancer

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