



2010 Afr'Am Festival

Literary Award Program For Published Authors



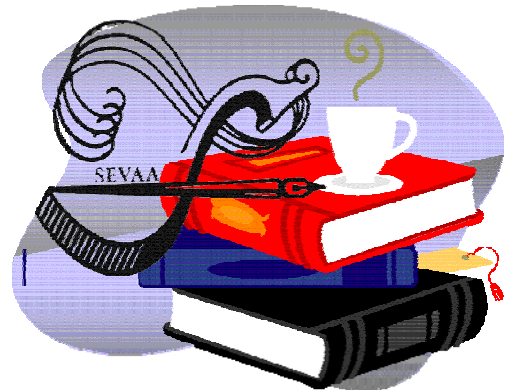
The Southeastern Virginia Arts Association has been committed to supporting African-American Arts and Culture in the Hampton Roads area for more than 26 years. 2010 will mark our 27th Anniversary of hosting one of the region's oldest and largest African-American festivals, Afr'Am Fest.

This year as we continue our Literacy Campaign, "Reading is a Family Affair", we resume our mission to feature the best African-American literature in our Literary Café. We are proud to announce **Afr'Am Festival's 3rd Annual Literary Award Program**. This award program seeks to recognize published authors for their outstanding contributions to literature. Nomination is open to African-American literature published during the year 2009. We will recognize the winner of each category on **Saturday, May 22, 2010** at our Afr'Am Festival Literary Award Ceremony.

Recipients of these awards represent the best of the best in African-American literature. Books from small, large and specialty publishers are accepted for nomination.

Nomination Procedure:

- Nomination package should include:
 - completed nomination form which includes author information and a brief synopsis of 100 words or less
 - 2 copies of the published novel
- Inclusion of a formal press kit, author biography, available news articles and reviews are encouraged.
- Nominations must be postmarked on or before **March 15, 2010**.
- ***There is no fee to participate.***
- Authors can be nominated in up to 3 categories, but a separate package must be submitted for each category.
- Only 1 title per category can be submitted; (e.g. Author can submit 3 *different* titles to 3 *different* categories OR he/she may submit the *same* title in up to 3 *different* categories.)
- Books must have been published and distributed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009. *(The publishing date requirement is waived for the Local Author category only. Authors who reside in the Hampton Roads area, can submit books for the Local Author category that were published prior to January 2009. However, the book can not have been previously nominated.)*
- Nominees will be announced April 30, 2010.
- Nominees will be invited to attend the Literary Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2010.
- Submissions must be full-length published novels. Unbound works, manuscripts, and galleys (bound & unbound), will not be accepted.



Eligibility

- Contest is open to authors and publishers of full-length African-American novels.
- No member of the Literary Café/Literary Award Program Committee or their family members are eligible.

Liability

- Entrant warrants and represents he/she has the full and exclusive right to submit the nomination and to grant SEVAA/Afr'AM the right to use the submission in whole or in part for promotional/advertising purposes.
- SEVAA, Afr'Am Fest, the Literary Café and the Literary Award Committee are not responsible for misdirected, delayed, incomplete, inaccurate, lost, late, illegible or undeliverable submissions or votes, intellectual property theft or other unauthorized use of intellectual property, or other errors or problems which may limit or affect a person's ability to participate in the contest, whether human, mechanical, typographical, printing, electronic, network or otherwise, relating to or in connection with the contest, including, without limitation, errors which may occur in connection with the administration of the contest, the processing or judging of submissions, the tabulation of votes, the announcement of the prize or in any contest-related materials.
- In the event of sabotage, acts of God, terrorism or threats thereof, computer virus or other events or causes beyond the sponsor's control, which corrupt the integrity, administration, security or proper operation of the contest, sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify, cancel or suspend the contest (or a portion thereof).
- In the event of cancellation, sponsor reserves the right to judge all eligible, non-suspect submissions received prior to the event requiring such cancellation using the judging procedure outlined below.
- False or deceptive submissions or acts will render the entrant ineligible. An entrant hereby acknowledges and agrees that the relationship between entrant and sponsor is not a confidential, fiduciary, or other special relationship, and that entrant's decision to submit his/her submission to sponsor for purposes of the contest does not place sponsor in a position that is any different from the position held by members of the general public with regard to elements of entrant's submission.

Judging

- All entries will be reviewed by the award committee to ensure they fit the category they were submitted for. The committee reserves the right to re-categorize entries, and/or change/delete categories based on submissions received.
- In the event any category has 2 or fewer entries the committee reserves the right to eliminate that category. If the submitted entry then cannot be re-categorized, the committee shall return such entry and refund the entry fee.
- Nominees for each category will be announced April 30. Each author shall be notified by email their nomination category by April 30th.
- Entries will be forwarded to judging committee which will consist of book club members, the Literary Café committee, local readers and members of the publishing industry.
- Winners will be announced at the Literary Award Ceremony on Saturday, May 22, 2010. Nominees are encouraged to attend to receive their award.
- The decisions of the judges are final.

Category Descriptions

All nominations must have been published and distributed between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009.*

- General Fiction – Works of fiction that contain characters and settings in contemporary times.
- Non-Fiction – Self-help, biographies, or other stories based on true events.
- Memoir – Stories based on the author's real life experiences.
- Sci-Fi/Horror – Works that contain mythical characters or settings.
- Mystery – Works that contain elements of suspense or mystery.
- Romance – Stories whose plot/premise deals with love and relationships and follow the "traditional" romance novel formula: loveable hero & heroine; conflict & motivation; a "black moment"; the happy ending.
- Christian Fiction – Fictional stories that are faith-based, or have religious elements.
- Street/Urban Literature – Works that deal with contemporary urban settings and themes.
- Erotica – Works that have a sensual premise, and deal with sexuality.
- Children's Illustrated Fiction – Illustrated stories for school-age children.
- Young Adult/Teen Fiction – Fictional stories directed to youth ages 12 – 17.
- Local Author – Books by an author who currently resides in the Hampton Roads Area. *(*Books published outside of 2009 may be eligible in this category. See nomination procedure.)*
- New African-American Voice – Book by a new author, first publication.



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Entry Form

Submission Deadline: Postmarked by **March 15, 2010**



Name of Category for which you are submitting: _____

Title of Book: _____

Publication Date: _____ Publisher: _____
(Book must have been originally published/distributed between 1/1/09 and 12/31/09)

Author's Information

Name: _____

Website: _____ Email: _____

Illustrator's Contact Information (If applicable)

Name: _____

Website: _____ Email: _____

Person to be notified if entry is nominated

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Summary of the Novel (100 words or less. Attach additional sheet if necessary.):

Nomination Checklist: *(All items must be completed by March 15th for entry to be complete!)*

All entries must be accompanied by two (2) copies of the book. **Mail entries to:** Afr'Am Festival, ATTN: Literary Awards Program, PO Box 6803, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. **Submissions must be postmarked by **May 15, 2010**.**

Completed Submission Form

2 Copies of Novel

Please Read & Sign:

By my signature, I affirm that I have read and accept the terms of this contest. I further warrant that I have the full and exclusive right, to submit this entry and to grant SEVAA/Afr'Am Festival the right to use this entry in whole or in part for promotional/advertising purposes.

Signature

Date

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Date Received: _____
Initialed: _____

Entry #: _____

Ck/Mo #: _____

Sent to Judges #: _____, _____, _____