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2022 Baker Artist Awards winners highlighted during December 9 *Artworks* special

Six Maryland artists earn prestigious award as part of annual program

OWINGS MILLS, MD – Maryland Public Television (MPT) will profile the six winners of the 2022 Baker Artist Awards competition during a special *Artworks* episode airing on Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. on MPT-HD and online at mpt.org/livestream. The program will also be available to watch on demand using MPT's [online video player](#) and the [PBS Video App](#).

A preview of the *2022 Baker Artist Awards Special* is available at mpt.org/programs/baker-artist-awards/.

Now in its 14th year, the [Baker Artist Awards](#) celebrates the Baltimore region's creative vitality and recognizes individuals with outstanding talent. Artists who create an online Baker Artist Portfolio and reside in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, or Howard County are eligible for awards.

Prizes are awarded to artists who exemplify a mastery of craft, commitment to excellence, and a unique and compelling vision across six creative disciplines: visual arts, interdisciplinary, music, performance, film/video, and literary arts.

The Baker Artist Awards has distributed \$90,000 in annual prize money since its launch in 2009. In 2022, one artist from each of the six artistic disciplines received a \$10,000 Mary Sawyers Baker Prize. One of the six selected artists also received the additional \$30,000 Mary Sawyers Imboden Prize, taking home a total of \$40,000.

Encore broadcasts of the *2022 Baker Artist Awards Special* will be offered Friday, December 30 at 7:30 p.m. on MPT-HD and Saturday, December 31 at 9:30 p.m. on MPT2/Create.

The [Baker Artist Portfolio website](#) and associated awards were established by the William G. Baker, Jr. Memorial Fund and are a program of the [Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance](#).

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