

Bennington Review Wins Best Debut Award

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Bennington Review was awarded the Firecracker Award from the Community of Literary Magazines and Presses for Best Debut Literary Magazine.



Bennington Review is a national biannual print journal of innovative, intelligent, and moving poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and film writing, housed at Bennington College. A national print literary magazine founded in 1966 by

Laurence Hyman '64, and then revived by editors Robert Boyers and Nicholas Delbanco in the 70s and 80s, *Bennington Review* returned to circulation last year under the director of faculty member Michael Dumanis. The third issue is forthcoming.

The Community of Literary Magazines and Presses (CLMP) and the American Booksellers Association presented the annual Firecracker Awards, devoted to celebrating independent literary publishers and self-published works of high literary merit. The award for Best Debut Literary Magazine honors an outstanding U.S. literary journals which published their first issue in the past five years.

The Firecracker Awards for Independently and Self-Published Literature are a revitalized iteration of the Firecracker Alternative Book Award, originally established in 1996. For almost 50 years, CLMP's mission has been to ensure a vibrant, diverse literary landscape by helping small literary publishers work better. They communicate the art of literary publishing to readers, writers, booksellers, librarians,

educators, funders and other literary stakeholders, and work to bring all of these communities together. CLMP carries out this mission so that essential literary voices from all corners can make their way from writers to readers.