Live From Memphis to Receive CODA Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts

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Live From Memphis, a grassroots organization representing Memphis music, film and the arts, will be awarded the second annual CODA Award for Outstanding Service to the Arts. Presented by the Center for Outreach in the Development of the Arts (CODA) at Rhodes College, the award honors "the individual or group who best exemplifies the spirit of the arts in our community, and who works to enhance the creative landscape of the city in a capacity beyond the requirements of their actual job," according to CODA assistant director John Weeden.

An advisory committee of local arts workers representing educational, non-profit, private market and freelance fields selected Live From Memphis for its "inspiring self-starter ethic and overwhelming commitment to developing arts access for non-traditional audiences."

Included among its many volunteer run programs are The Live From Memphis Music Video Showcase; The Li'l Film Fest; The Memphis Music, Film and the Arts Directory; LFM Streaming Radio; Li'l Art Rag; and LFM U, an outreach program teaching new generations of artists and arts workers in practices of art media support. The organization predominantly operates from the volunteer contributions of its staff and co-founders, Sarah Fleming and Christopher Reyes.

Live From Memphis will be honored October 25 at a banquet held at Rhodes as part of CODA's "Arts Leadership: New Directions" Conference.