

Academy News

225th Anniversary Publication : Book of Members, 1780–2005

The Academy has published a *Book of Members* as another in a series of activities marking its 225th anniversary. The volume identifies the more than eleven thousand men and women who have been elected to the Academy since its founding in 1780. Current members received a copy of the publication in May 2006. The directory will also be available on the Academy's web site. The Academy is grateful to the Cabot Family Charitable Trust and the other donors who supported its research and publication.

This volume is the first comprehensive list in over one hundred and twenty-five years. In 1780, the sixty-two founding members signed its charter. The following year, the Academy elected its first group of Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members. In 1785, the first volume of the *Memoirs* recorded all members living and deceased. Subsequent cumulative lists were issued in 1833 and 1846, with the most recent directory published as part of the Academy's centennial observance in 1880.

Drawing on these directories as well as on internal membership lists and an array of supplementary print and online sources, the Academy has conceived of this new volume as a general reference tool for members and the broader intellectual community. In addition to basic information such as birth and death dates and the date and residence at time of election, entries include the affiliation of members at the time of election and at the time of the volume's publica-

tion, as well as a brief characterization of their overall careers or, for current members, careers to date. The alphabetical roster is supplemented by a list of Academy members according to subject categories. The publication also includes about 150 photographs of members, donated by Corbis-Bettmann. The volume is the result of five years of research led by archivist Clark A. Elliott, under the direction of Alexandra Oleson and Phyllis Bendell. Many Fellows contributed to the work and reviewed portions of the final document relating to their fields and professions.

For 225 years, the men and women whose names appear in this volume have been the Academy's greatest strength. They have established a legacy of leadership that continues to inform scholarship and public policy and advance the life of the mind.

Photographs, left column:

Felix Frankfurter
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Martha Graham
T. S. Eliot

right column:

Marianne Moore
Albert Einstein
Charles Darwin
Alexander Graham Bell

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