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*EDWARD G. RENDELL, Governor*

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**GOVERNOR RENDELL INVITES PUBLIC TO NOMINATE  
ARTISTS, ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE 2007  
GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS  
*DEADLINE IS MAY 25***

**HARRISBURG** – In keeping with the tradition of celebrating the state's cultural and artistic achievements, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts is now accepting nominations for the 2007 Governor's Awards for the Arts, Governor Edward G. Rendell said today.

"Pennsylvania's long legacy of artists, many of whom are well-known worldwide, is a testament to the state's rich artistic and cultural heritage," the Governor said. "The 2007 Governor's Award for the Arts recognizes the people and organizations that support and foster the arts in Pennsylvania for our enjoyment and education and for future generations of artists."

The PCA will accept nominations in the following categories:

- Distinguished Arts Award – Recognizes a Pennsylvania artist of international fame or leadership whose creations enrich the state;
- The Patron Award – Recognizes an individual, corporation or foundation patron's significant contributions to the vitality and availability of the arts in Pennsylvania;
- Pennsylvania Creative Community Award – Recognizes Pennsylvania organizations, neighborhoods, cities, communities or community leaders that have creatively used arts and culture to address issues such as quality of life, downtown revitalization or regional issues of importance;
- Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service in the Arts for Youth or Arts in Education – Recognizes an individual, organization, school, educator or group for their outstanding leadership and service for youth; and

- Artist of the Year (the Hazlett Memorial Award) – Recognizes an individual artist for their creations and contributions to the excellence of the arts in Pennsylvania.

Past recipients of the Governor’s Awards for the Arts include: Jimmy Stewart, Fred Rogers, Marian Anderson, Marilyn Horne, M. Night Shyamalan, Nelson Shanks, Santo Loquasto, Linny Fowler, Bradford Country Regional Arts Council and The Dixie Hummingbirds among others.

All nominations are open to the general public and must be submitted by May 25. Individual recipients must agree to accept the award in person. For more information or to download an application, visit PCA’s Web site at [www.pacouncilonthearts.org/governors\\_awards.cfm](http://www.pacouncilonthearts.org/governors_awards.cfm) or contact Elaine Charles at (717) 787-6883, ext. 3040, to request a hard copy.

The Governor’s Awards for the Arts are administered by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency under the Office of the Governor. The mission of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts is to foster the excellence, diversity and vitality of the arts in Pennsylvania, and to broaden the availability and appreciation of those arts throughout the state.

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