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New Date Set for Governor's Awards for the Arts

Ceremony to be held April 8 at York's Strand-Capitol Performing Arts Center

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania Council on the Arts executive director Philip Horn today announced that the 2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts, postponed last fall, will take place in York on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

"We are delighted to be back on track planning this commonwealth event with the assistance of the region's arts and cultural community, the Cultural Alliance of York County, and a committee of dedicated local advisors and volunteers," Horn said. "This event is one that the Governor, First Lady, and the state's cultural community look forward to each year and it was a difficult decision to postpone our original plans for last October. We are very happy to once again be working with York's vibrant arts organizations, artists, community and cultural leaders on plans for the ceremony and surrounding festivities."

Steering committee members representing York's community of artists and arts organizations met on Nov. 17 to re-activate plans for a diverse array of performances, fine arts and crafts displays, and children's arts activities to represent the region's cultural assets. Most activities on the day of the awards will take place in and around the downtown area. The arts award ceremony and arts events will be free and open to the public.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts recognize individuals and organizations for artistic excellence and outstanding contributions to the cultural life of the Commonwealth through their work, programs, leadership, and service. Past recipients include Jimmy Stewart, Marian Anderson, Andrew Wyeth, James Michener, Fred Rogers, August Wilson, Marilyn Horne, M. Night Shyamalan, Rob and Kathleen Marshall, Lang Lang, and Michael Keaton.

Award recipients are identified through an open call to the public for nominations. Nominations have been submitted and awardees will be announced in early 2010.

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are administered by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA), a state agency under the Office of the Governor, whose mission 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. For more information, visit www.pacouncilonthearts.org or call 717-787-6883.

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