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2003 PennPAT Artist Roster Features 127 of Pennsylvania's Finest Performing Artists

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) has just published its 2003 Artist Roster, which boasts the talents of 127 Pennsylvania performing artists and groups. In October of this year, 8 new artists were adjudicated onto the roster. All artists were selected through a highly competitive panel review process based on their outstanding artistic quality and their readiness for touring.

“The range, diversity and quality of artists now included in the roster is impressive,” said Katie West, PennPAT Director. “Pennsylvania is home to such a wealth of outstanding artists. We look forward to supporting these exceptional artists as they tour throughout the state and region.”

The purpose of PennPAT is to increase opportunities for professional Pennsylvania performing artists to obtain successful touring engagements. Nonprofit organizations based in DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and the U.S. Virgin Islands that wish to hire a PennPAT artist may be eligible to apply for funding to support a significant percentage of the artist's fees and travel expenses.

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Applicants are also encouraged to develop residency activities with the community such as classes, workshops and lecture demonstrations. These activities are also eligible for PennPAT funding.

The next application deadline for presenters will be **February 15, 2003, for programs scheduled between June 1, 2003 and May 31, 2005**. Additional 2003 presenter application deadlines for 2003 are **June 15, 2003** for *projects requesting \$1,500 or less*, scheduled between September 1, 2003 and August 31, 2004; and **October 15, 2003**: For projects scheduled between February 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005.

2003 deadlines were pushed back from the first to the fifteenth of the month to give presenters additional time to complete the applications following regional and national booking conferences.

PennPAT, administered by Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, was developed and is funded by a unique public-private partnership including the Vira I. Heinz Endowment; the William Penn Foundation; the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency; and The Pew Charitable Trusts.

To receive a copy of the 2003 PennPAT Roster or for information about the program, guidelines or applications, visit www.pennpat.org or contact Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, 1811 Chestnut Street, Suite 301, Philadelphia, PA, 19103. Telephone: 215/496-9424. Fax: 215/496-9585. Email: info@pennpat.org