

# NEWS

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## **2005 Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Roster Announced**

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT) has just published its 2005 Artist Roster. The roster now boasts the talents of 124 of Pennsylvania's finest performing artists and groups. All artists were selected through a highly competitive panel review process based on their outstanding artistic quality and touring readiness. Seventeen (17) new artists were selected for inclusion in the 2005 PennPAT Roster.

The purpose of PennPAT is to increase opportunities for professional Pennsylvania performing artists to obtain successful touring engagements. Since 2001, PennPAT has supported touring engagements with roster artists in a 10-state region including DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, OH, PA, VA, WV and the US Virgin Islands. In 2005, as part of a pilot program, non-profit presenters based in North Carolina will also be eligible to apply for fee-support for engagements with PennPAT roster artists.

Eligible organizations may apply for funding to support up to 50% of the contracted artist fees, travel and lodging for a touring engagement. Applicants are encouraged to develop residency activities within the community such as classes, workshops and lecture/demonstrations. These activities are also eligible for PennPAT funding.

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The next application deadline for presenters will be **February 15, 2005, for programs scheduled between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2007.** Additional 2005 presenter application deadlines are **June 15, 2005 for projects requesting \$1,500 or less, scheduled between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006;** and **October 17, 2005 for projects scheduled between February 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.**

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 2005 PennPAT Roster or for information about the program, guidelines or applications, visit [www.pennpat.org](http://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](mailto:info@pennpat.org)

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