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Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Expands Offers Grants Throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region and Ohio New Roster of Artists Selected

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, is expanding its grant-making territory. Since 1998, this program has provided grants to nonprofit organizations in Pennsylvania for performance engagements with Pennsylvania artists approved for the PennPAT Artist Roster. Beginning in 2001, this funding will be available to presenters throughout Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In addition, a new roster of eligible Pennsylvania-based performing artists is now available. The first deadline for presenters from the region to apply for support will be February 1, 2001, for programs scheduled between June 1, 2001 and May 31, 2003. Presenters may also apply at a second deadline, October 1, 2001, with applications for projects taking place between March 1, 2002 and August 31, 2003.

Nonprofit organizations that wish to hire an approved PennPAT roster artist for a public performance may be eligible to apply for funding to support a significant percentage of the artist's fees and travel expenses. In addition to the performance itself, presenting organizations are encouraged to develop with the artist other activities that engage the community such as classes, workshops and lecture demonstrations. These activities are also eligible for PennPAT funding.

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The 2001 PennPAT roster of approved artists includes 104 performing arts companies or individual performing artists, all of whom reside or are based in Pennsylvania. The roster boasts dance companies and dancers, solo musicians and music groups, theater companies and actors, storytellers and interdisciplinary performance artists and companies. All of these artists have been selected through a rigorous panel review process, considering artistic quality and touring readiness.

The purpose of the PennPAT program is to increase opportunities for professional Pennsylvania performing artists to obtain successful touring engagements. In addition to the grants to presenters for touring engagements, PennPAT offers grants to roster artists for projects intended to enhance their marketing or tour management capabilities. PennPAT also offers workshops for artists focusing on issues related to performing arts touring.

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.

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