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**Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces
Fall 2002 Grants for Touring Engagements**
34 PennPAT Roster Artists to Tour Throughout Region

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, announced today that it has awarded \$175,715 in Presenter Fee Support and New Directions grants. Supporting 58 performance engagements, these awards will give 34 PennPAT roster artists an opportunity to tour throughout the region and reach new audiences. PennPAT is pleased to announce that approximately 90% of the applications were funded. A detailed list of grant awards follows.

At the October 1, 2002 deadline, PennPAT received 65 eligible applications from presenting organizations throughout the mid-Atlantic region and Ohio. Of the applications received, District of Columbia submitted 2; Maryland –5; New Jersey –6; New York –10; Ohio – 4; Pennsylvania –34; US Virgin Islands – 1 and Virginia –3. Funded engagements include performances and residencies at performing arts centers, universities, colleges, festivals, arts councils, faith-based institutions, elementary schools, libraries and community and cultural arts centers throughout the mid-Atlantic region and Ohio. Grant awards ranged from \$300 to \$15,000.

Of the 65 applications received, 63 were for Fee-Support grants and two were New Directions projects that involved longer-term residencies and the development of new work. New Directions grants were awarded to Huntingdon County Arts Council to support a residency with the Vagabond Acting Troupe and to Bradford County Regional Arts Council for a residency with Box of Light Theatre.

The purpose of the PennPAT program is to increase opportunities for professional Pennsylvania performing artists to obtain successful touring engagements. 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.

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 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.

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