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Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces Fall 2003 & Summer 2003 Grants for Touring Engagements *93 Touring Engagements Funded*

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, announced today that it has awarded \$210,923 for 93 engagements with 54 PennPAT roster artists. A detailed list of grant awards follows.

At the October 15, 2003 deadline, \$178,134 was awarded for 64 performance engagements with 40 PennPAT roster artists. Two New Directions Grants were awarded; one to the Huntingdon County Arts Council to support a collaborative project with Simple Gifts of Lemont, PA; a second to Frostburg State University to support a residency with the Leah Stein Dance Company of Philadelphia, PA. The 62 fee-support grants ranged from \$247 to \$15,000, with the average grant between \$2,000 to \$2,500.

For the first time this year, PennPAT offered a third application deadline on June 15, for smaller projects only. This deadline allowed presenters to apply much closer to their project start date, offering more flexibility. At the June deadline, PennPAT awarded \$32,789 for 29 performance engagements with 23 roster artists. Grants ranged from \$335 to \$1,500.

Funded engagements include performances and residencies at performing arts centers, universities, colleges, festivals, “First Nights”, arts councils, libraries, museums and community centers throughout the mid-Atlantic region, Ohio and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

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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 deadline for PennPAT Presenter Fee-Support and New Directions Grants is February 17, 2004 for programs scheduled between June 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005. For PennPAT guidelines, application or information, contact Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, 1811 Chestnut Street, Suite 301, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Telephone: 215/496-9424. Fax: 215/496-9585. E-mail: info@pennpat.org. Web: <http://www.pennpat.org/>.

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