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Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces Fall 2004 & Summer 2004 Grants for Touring Engagements *79 Touring Engagements Funded*

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, announced today that it has awarded \$228,219 for 79 engagements with 45 PennPAT roster artists. A detailed list of grant awards follows.

At the October 15, 2004 deadline, \$193,140 was awarded for 49 performance engagements with 33 PennPAT roster artists. One New Directions Grant was awarded to the New York Shakespeare Festival to support a residency and creation of new work with Pig Iron Theatre Company of Philadelphia, PA. The fee-support grants ranged from \$500 to \$15,000.

Requests for smaller projects (requesting \$1500 or less) were submitted at the June 15, 2004 deadline. PennPAT awarded \$35,079 for 30 performance engagements with 20 roster artists. Grant awards ranged from \$300 to \$1500.

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 and Ohio.

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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 15, 2005** for programs scheduled between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2007. 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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