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Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces Fall 2005 & Summer 2005 Grants for Touring Engagements *80 Touring Engagements Funded*

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, announced today that it has awarded \$254,838 for 80 engagements with 53 PennPAT roster artists. A detailed list of grant awards follows.

- At the October 17, 2005 deadline, \$215,639 was awarded for 45 performance engagements with 35 PennPAT roster artists. Four New Directions Grants were awarded. New Directions grants are designed to promote a greater understanding of the roster artists and their work. They provide roster artists with the time and space to focus on their work, create new work and/or share the philosophical underpinnings, rationale and processes of their work with presenters and audiences. Fee-support grants ranged from \$500 to \$30,000.
- Requests for smaller projects (requesting \$1500 or less) were submitted at the June 15, 2005 deadline. PennPAT awarded \$39,199 for 32 performance engagements with 20 roster artists. Grant awards ranged from \$135 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.

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 deadlines for PennPAT Presenter Fee-Support and New Directions Grants are

February 15, 2006: For programs scheduled between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2007.

June 15, 2006: For projects requesting \$1500 or less, scheduled between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007

October 16, 2006: For projects scheduled between February 1, 2007 and August 31, 2007

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