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**Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces  
Spring 2002 Grants for Touring Engagements**  
*62 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 \$415,528 in grants, the most money that has been awarded by PennPAT at any single grant deadline. Supporting 133 performance engagements, these awards will give 62 PennPAT roster artists an opportunity to tour throughout the region and reach new audiences. Despite the program's growing competition, PennPAT is pleased to announce that more than 80% of the applications were funded. A detailed list of grant awards follows.

At the February 1, 2002 deadline, PennPAT received 161 eligible applications from presenting organizations throughout the mid-Atlantic region and Ohio. Of the applications received, District of Columbia submitted 3; Delaware –2; Maryland –12; New Jersey –15; New York –33; Ohio –14; Pennsylvania –69; Virginia –7 and West Virginia –6. As Richard H. Ressimyer, Director of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History, said after reviewing the grant awards, “PennPAT artists are certainly going to be ‘on the road again’ through the PennPAT program. Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the program’s funding partners must take significant pride in the importance of PennPAT to the whole region.”

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Funded engagements include performances and residencies at performing arts centers, universities, colleges, festivals, arts councils, park & recreation departments, museums, and community and cultural arts centers throughout the mid-Atlantic region and Ohio. Awards ranged from \$248 to \$15,000.

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 Grants is October 1, 2002 for programs scheduled between March 1, 2003 and August 31, 2003.

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