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Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces Spring 2005 Grants for Touring Engagements *93 Engagements Funded*

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, announced today that it has awarded \$400,753 for 93 engagements with 41 PennPAT roster artists. Approximately 71% of the eligible applications were awarded funding. A detailed list of grant awards follows.

PennPAT awarded two New Directions Grants: one to the Indiana Arts Council for \$24,875 to support a residency with Simple Gifts that spans twenty-one months; a second for \$25,000 to the Scranton Cultural Center at the Masonic Temple for a 32-week residency with Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble.

Applications were received from organizations throughout the eligible region: thirty-two (32) from Pennsylvania; twenty-five (25) from New York; twenty-one (21) from West Virginia; nineteen (19) from North Carolina; sixteen (16) from Ohio; twelve (12) from Virginia; six (6) from New Jersey; six (6) from Maryland and one (1) from the District of Columbia.

Funded engagements include performances and residencies at performing arts centers, universities, colleges, libraries, festivals, arts councils, faith-based institutions and community and cultural arts centers. Grant awards ranged from \$360 to \$25,000.

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 **June 15, 2005** for projects requesting \$1500 or less, scheduled between September 1, 2005 and August 31, 2006. For PennPAT guidelines, applications 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: www.pennpat.org.

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