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Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour Announces Spring 2006 Grants for Touring Engagements *119 Engagements Funded*

Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour (PennPAT), a program of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, announced today that it has **awarded \$487,003 for 119 touring engagements with 52 PennPAT roster artists.** *A detailed list of grant awards follows.*

Grants were awarded to organizations in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Funded engagements include performances and residencies at performing arts centers, universities, colleges, libraries, festivals, arts councils, municipalities and community and cultural arts centers. Grant awards ranged from \$360 to \$30,000.

Included in the 119 funded engagements, were three New Directions Grants: one to the Hip Hop Theater Festival in New York City for \$30,000 to support a residency with Philadelphia's olive Dance Theatre; a second for \$25,152 to the Huntingdon County Arts Council in Pennsylvania for a residency with Simple Gifts from Lemont, PA; and a third to the Winterthur Museum and Country Estate in Delaware for \$5,144 for a residency with Vagabond Acting Troupe, from Philadelphia. New Directions grants are designed to promote a greater understanding of the roster artists and their work. They include a residency lasting at least 7 days and 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.

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 The Heinz Endowments; 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 June 15, 2006 *for projects requesting \$1,500 or less, scheduled between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2007.* For PennPAT guidelines, applications or information, contact Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour, 230 South Broad Street, Suite 1003, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Telephone: 215/496-9424. Fax: 215/496-9585. E-mail: info@pennpat.org. Web: www.pennpat.org.

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