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PENNSYLVANIA'S FIRST LADY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE 2007 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS

AWARD CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE OCT. 4 AT MAJESTIC THEATER

GETTYSBURG – First Lady Judge Marjorie O. Rendell today announced the recipients of the coveted 2007 Governor's Awards for the Arts at the newly renovated Majestic Theater in Gettysburg. The award honors outstanding artists, arts organizations and patrons of the arts in Pennsylvania for their excellence and achievement in the arts.

"It is my honor to announce this year's winners of the Governor's Awards for the Arts," said Judge Rendell. "As is evident by their hard work and creative spirit, the recipients undoubtedly serve as inspirational visionaries for the artistic future of our commonwealth."

The following recipients will receive their awards:

- 2007 Distinguished Arts Awards: **Rob Marshall**, director and choreographer of Academy Award winning films and Tony Award winning Broadway musicals; and **Kathleen Marshall**, Tony Award-winning director and choreographer. Kathleen and Rob Marshall, from Pittsburgh, are brother and sister.
- 2007 Artist of the Year Award: **Lorenzo "Rennie" Harris**, Philadelphia, acclaimed choreographer, artistic director and founder of the hip-hop dance company, Rennie Harris Puremovement.
- 2007 Patron Award: **David and Jennifer LeVan** of Gettysburg.
- 2007 Pennsylvania Creative Community Award: **Pike County Arts & Crafts** of Milford.
- 2007 Outstanding Leadership & Service to Youth Awards: **The Settlement Music School**, a 100-year-old community school for the arts in Philadelphia; and nationally renowned teacher of classical ballet **Marcia Dale Weary** of Carlisle.

Governor Rendell will present the awards at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4, at The Majestic Theater

in Gettysburg. The ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will include presentations and special performances. A ticketed reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

An open call for nominations for the 2007 Governor's Awards for the Arts was issued to arts organizations, artists, arts patrons, elected officials and members of the public. The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts received more than 85 nominations. For more information, visit www.pacouncilonthearts.org.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For more information on the recipients or for the biographies, contact Heather Doughty at (717) 787-6883 ext. 3039.