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PA ARTS COUNCIL OPENS ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR 2009 INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS FELLOWSHIPS

Deadline Aug. 4

HARRISBURG – Applications are being accepted online by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for the 2009 Individual Artists Fellowship program.

The program offers \$5,000 or \$10,000 fellowships to eligible artists to support their creative work. Artists fellowships are highly competitive and are distributed based upon demonstrated artistic excellence.

Discipline categories are:

- Arts commentary: perspectives in the arts;
- Crafts;
- Folk and traditional arts: craft traditions and apprenticeships;
- Literature: fiction or creative non-fiction;
- Media arts: experimental and animation;
- Music: jazz/blues/world or non-classical;
- Theatre: new performance forms; and
- Visual arts: photography or sculpture/installation.

Software developed by Carnegie Mellon University's Center for Arts Management and Technology, called CueRate, allows artists' applications to be submitted and reviewed online.

Artists applying in the crafts, folk and traditional craft traditions, and visual arts categories will be required to submit and upload digital images in CueRate. All other applicants will submit a hard copy of their required work samples by mail.

The online process is administered in partnership with the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. To access CueRate and to review PCA fellowship program guidelines, go to <http://maaf.egrant.org>.

The eSubmission and postmark deadline is Monday, Aug. 4, and must take place no later than 4:30 p.m. that day. Mailed application materials are to be sent to the respective PCA fellowship partner administering the applicant's specific artistic discipline. Contact information for the partners, including mailing addresses, is included within the application guidelines.

Artists applying for a PCA fellowship must be current residents of Pennsylvania and have lived here for at least two years prior to the application deadline. Prior recipients from the award period Jan. 1, 2008, to Dec. 31, 2008, must wait one full year before applying again to the fellowship program in any category. Students in high school or undergraduate or graduate programs at the time of application are ineligible to apply for a fellowship.

Applicants' work samples are reviewed by a panel of jurors from outside of Pennsylvania who are arts professionals with expertise in specific disciplines. All review processes are anonymous, with the exception of the categories of arts commentary, and folk and traditional arts.

Jurors make recommendations for potential recipients and respective award amounts based upon their review of the quality of work to the agency's 19-member council. The council is responsible for final award decisions.

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts is a state agency whose mission is to foster the excellence, diversity and vitality of the arts in Pennsylvania, and to broaden the availability and appreciation of those arts throughout the state.

For more information, visit <http://pacouncilonthearts.org> or call (717) 787-6883.

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