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NOMINATION STILL SOUGHT
FOR ANNUAL GOVERNOR’S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS
DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2017

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Arts Commission and New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is still accepting nominations for the 2017 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. The annual Governor’s Arts Awards are New Mexico’s highest and most prestigious artistic honors and are intended to celebrate lifetime achievement. Nominations can be submitted by individual New Mexico residents or representatives of businesses or organizations in New Mexico. Self-nominations are discouraged.

Nominations for the awards may include individual living New Mexican artists working in any discipline who have demonstrated outstanding lifetime achievement; individuals who have consistently made significant or distinguished contributions to the arts in New Mexico; and businesses, nonprofits or foundations with sustained involvement in and support for the arts.

The deadline for nominations has been extended until Friday, April 7, 2017. Nominations may be mailed or hand-delivered no later than April 7 to New Mexico Arts, Suite 270, 407 Galisteo St., Santa Fe, NM, 87501. Nomination forms are available online at www.nmarts.org or contact New Mexico Arts at 505-827-6490, 800-879-4278 (statewide), or email linda.underwood@state.nm.us. The events for the 2017 Annual
Governor’s Awards for Excellence in the Arts are scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017 in Santa Fe.

Established in 1974 by Governor Bruce King and First Lady Alice King, the Governor’s Arts Awards celebrate the role that artists, craftspeople and arts supporters play in the economic and cultural life of New Mexico. Throughout its existence, a diverse and prestigious list of painters, weavers, sculptors, dancers, musicians, storytellers, poets, actors, playwrights and potters have been honored. Since 1974, about 270 artists and arts supporters have received this coveted award. The awards are a collaboration of New Mexico Arts, the New Mexico Museum of Art, the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, and other partners.

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*New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, is the state arts agency. New Mexico Arts administers the state’s One Percent for Public Art program, awards grants to nonprofit organizations for arts and cultural programs in their communities across the state, and provides technical assistance and educational opportunities for organizations, artists, and arts educators throughout New Mexico.*