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2012 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS

THE ARTS DRIVE NEBRASKA

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2012 Governor's Arts Awards Honorees Announced

Save the Date! Event on April 2, 2012
Tickets Now Available

(Omaha, NE) -- The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) is pleased to announce the 2012 Governor's Arts Awards honorees and invite the public to share in the celebration at the upcoming dinner and awards presentation:

2012 Governor's Arts Awards
"The Arts Drive Nebraska"
Monday, April 2, 2012
Embassy Suites Hotel - Lincoln
Regents Ballroom
1040 P Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

4 p.m. "Rally for the Arts" Advocacy Session
5 p.m. Cash Bar
6 p.m. Dinner and Awards Presentation

Business or biker attire

The biennial Governor's Arts Awards is the state's premier event in recognizing those who shape our artistic landscape. The impact of the arts, and these honorees, is felt in the classroom, the economy, and the community -- they drive Nebraska forward. We invite you to celebrate their achievements and recognize the power of the arts in improving Nebraska.

Presenting Our 2012 GAA Award Winners
The following Nebraska individuals and organizations will receive their awards at the 2012 Governor's Arts Awards event. *Click the honorees' names for award details and biography:*

Emerging Leader: Anne Trumble
Excellence in Arts Education: Connie DIllow and Donald D. Ruleaux
Heritage Arts: African Culture Connection
Leonard Thiessen: Catherine and Terry Ferguson
Organizational Achievement: Blue Barn Theatre and Friends of the Midwest Theater
Outstanding Artist: Jun Kaneko
Thomas C. Woods III Partner in the Arts: Kathy and Marc LeBaron and Joan Squires

Purchase Your Event Tickets
Event tickets are now available. Purchase event tickets online, by mail or by phone:

Online Reservations: Visit the "Online Event Registration" page on the Nebraska Arts Council website to complete your ticket order with a credit card via PayPal.
Mail-In Reservations: Download our Event Registration Form; just follow the instructions on this registration form to complete your order by check.
Phone Reservations: Contact Kathy Bass, NAC Accounts Payable Manager at 402/595-3934 or toll free at 800/341-4067 to place your order by credit card.

Reservations must be completed by, or postmarked on, March 16, 2012.

Special Event: "Rally for the Arts"
Special event, "Rally for the Arts", Advocacy Session from 4-5 p.m.: Join Nebraskans for the Arts to hear how the arts can drive our state. Mary Kennedy McCabe, executive director of Mid-America Arts Alliance in Kansas City will share how the arts rev up communities and how lessons learned from the demise of the Kansas Arts Commission can keep the arts strong in Nebraska. *This event will be held at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln and is open to GAA dinner attendees and the general public.* **RSVP Now**

Event Program Ads and Donations
If you would like to honor the awardees by placing an ad in the souvenir program or by making a donation toward the event, please contact Mike Markey at mike.markey@nebraska.gov or 402/595-3935.

About the Nebraska Arts Council:
The Nebraska Arts Council, a state agency, provides numerous grants, services, and special initiatives that help sustain and promote the arts throughout Nebraska. The Nebraska Arts Council is supported by the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Nebraska Legislature, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, visit www.nebraskaartscouncil.org.

About Nebraskans for the Arts:
Nebraskans for the Arts puts art at the center of life and learning for all in our state:

- Life: meaning the impact art can have on the fabric of our state through the Nebraska Arts Council and Nebraska Cultural Endowment.
- Learning: we advocate for arts education to not only maintain, but progress, in our schools.

Nebraskans for the Arts provides the tools, channels and opportunities to engage officials regarding the issues most important to you as an arts supporter, teacher, artist, administrator, or enthusiast. For more information, visit www.nebraskansforthearts.org.

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