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97 MARYLAND ARTISTS RECEIVE STATE ARTS COUNCIL INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARDS

BALTIMORE, MD (February 7, 2008) – In celebration of the 10th annual Maryland Arts Day, Governor Martin O’Malley today announced that 97 Maryland artists have been selected to receive Individual Artist Awards totaling \$250,000 from the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. The artists competed for \$1,000, \$3,000 and \$6,000 awards in the following categories: Dance Solo Performance, Fiction, Media, Solo Instrumental Performance, Solo Vocal Performance, Solo Theatre Performance, Computer Arts, Photography and Sculpture.

“I am proud to announce the 97 winners of the Individual Artist Award. We are fortunate to have so many talented artists within Maryland’s borders,” said Governor O’Malley. “The Individual Artist Award program is an excellent way to honor their accomplishments and provide them with the resources they need to create and advance.”

“The awards recognize the vital role the arts play in our communities, enhancing the quality of life for all Maryland citizens,” said Dania Blair, Chair of the Maryland State Arts Council. “These awards also serve to express the appreciation of our citizens for the contributions made by individual artists to our communities.”

The Individual Artist Awards are made annually, with the categories alternating each year. For this year’s awards, out-of-state juries representing each artistic discipline anonymously reviewed a total of 659 applications before awarding the individual grants, which were determined solely on the basis of artistic merit. For FY 09, the awards will be made in the following categories:

Choreography, Crafts, Music Composition, Photography Playwriting, Poetry and Sculpture (excluding Installation). Applications are available by visiting www.msac.org.

The mission of the Maryland State Arts Council, an agency of the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, is to encourage and invest in the advancement of the arts for the people of Maryland. In FY 2007, the Maryland arts industry contributed more than \$1.2 billion to the State's economy and provided more than 15,000 jobs to Maryland residents. For more information about the Maryland State Arts Council visit the MSAC web site at www.msac.org or call (410) 767-6555 or TDD/TTY (410) 333-4519.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: See attached two lists of recipients - by county discipline and by county.

MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL FY 2008
INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARD RECIPIENTS LISTED BY COUNTY

Allegany

Joan DeVee Dixon	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
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Anne Arundel

Anna Fine Foer	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Helen-Nicole Kostis	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre
Lynn Ann Schwartz	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Michael Noonan	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Rob Levit	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance

Baltimore City

Christine Bailey	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Christopher Michael Siron	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Daniel S. Conrad	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre
Eve Mengelkoch	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
James Magruder	\$1,000.00	Fiction
James Rieck	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Jo Smail	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Julianna Dail	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Kathryn L. Bell	\$1,000.00	Media
Lyle Kissack	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Melissa E. Dickenson	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Michael W. Kirby	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Nora Sturges	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Paul Adam Weiss	\$1,000.00	Media
Russell David Kirk	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Shirley Yoo	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Susan Leslie Mann	\$1,000.00	Solo Dance Performance
Benjamin John King	\$3,000.00	Solo Theatrical Performance
Bill Schmidt	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Calla Thompson	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Courtney Jordan	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Dave Cipriani	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Hadiieh Marjan Shafie	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Kyle Coughlin	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Lillian Bayley	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Mara Neimanis	\$3,000.00	Solo Theatrical Performance
Oswaldo Mesa	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Rachel Bone	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Ryan Michael Hoover	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre
Alyssa Marie Dennis	\$6,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Eric Dyer	\$6,000.00	Media
Karen Yasinsky	\$6,000.00	Media

Laure Drogoul	\$6,000.00	Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre
Seth Owen Adelsberger	\$6,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting

Baltimore County

Airi Sophia Yoshioka	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Randi Reiss-McCormack	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Sue Waterman	\$1,000.00	Fiction
Symmes Gardner	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre
David Thomas Thorndill	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Jane Delury	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Jeff Reed	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Kathrin Murray	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell	\$3,000.00	Solo Dance Performance
Matt Klos	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Rebecca Reynolds	\$3,000.00	Media
Peter Minkler	\$6,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Ryan K. Johnson	\$6,000.00	Solo Dance Performance

Calvert

Carmen Calhoun	\$6,000.00	Solo Vocal Performance
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Carroll

Bruce Sager	\$3,000.00	Fiction
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Frederick

Doug Moulden	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
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Harford

Ashlie Kauffman	\$3,000.00	Fiction
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Howard

Jaya Bala	\$1,000.00	Solo Vocal Performance
Srinath Balasubramanian	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Carla Du Pree	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Lisa Maria Cella	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Sandhya Srinath	\$6,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance

Montgomery

Aglaia Koras	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Arianna Ross	\$1,000.00	Solo Theatrical Performance
Debra Mims Reese	\$1,000.00	Solo Theatrical Performance
Jessica Lee van Brakle	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Jody Isaacson	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Kathleen Elizabeth Wheaton	\$1,000.00	Fiction
Muriel Hasbun	\$1,000.00	Media
Natasha Dukan	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Ted Bain	\$1,000.00	Media
Tom Block	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
B.G. Muhn	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Cathy Fink	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Dani Cortaza	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Gimbiya Kettering	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Grace H. Wang	\$3,000.00	Solo Theatrical Performance
John Aquilino	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Jon Spelman	\$3,000.00	Solo Theatrical Performance
Lynn Sures	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
Paula Whyman	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Susi Wyss	\$3,000.00	Fiction
T. Greenwood	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Toby Tucker Hecht	\$3,000.00	Fiction
Charles Ritchie	\$6,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper

Prince George's

Laura Schandemeier	\$1,000.00	Solo Dance Performance
Mahiri Fadjimba Keita-Edwards	\$1,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Marika Hoffman Suval	\$1,000.00	Media
W.C. Richardson	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Painting
Ann Stoddard	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre
Darryl Brenzel	\$3,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Noopur Singha	\$3,000.00	Solo Dance Performance
Gesel Mason	\$6,000.00	Solo Dance Performance
Richard Alexander Marlow	\$6,000.00	Solo Instrumental Performance
Vickie Inge Fang	\$6,000.00	Fiction

Saint Mary's

Sue Johnson	\$1,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
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Wicomico

Edward Brown	\$3,000.00	Visual Arts: Works on Paper
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INDIVIDUAL ARTIST AWARD RECIPIENTS
LISTED BY ARTISTIC DISCIPLINE

Fiction

James Magruder	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Sue Waterman	Baltimore County	\$1,000.00
Kathleen Elizabeth Wheaton	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Jane Delury	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Carla Du Pree	Howard	\$3,000.00
T. Greenwood	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Toby Tucker Hecht	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Ashlie Kauffman	Harford	\$3,000.00
Gimbiya Kettering	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Bruce Sager	Carroll	\$3,000.00
Lynn Ann Schwartz	Anne Arundel	\$3,000.00
David Thomas Thorndill	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Paula Whyman	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Susi Wyss	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Vickie Inge Fang	Prince George's	\$6,000.00

Media

Ted Bain	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Kathryn L. Bell	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Muriel Hasbun	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Marika Hoffman Suval	Prince George's	\$1,000.00
Paul Adam Weiss	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Rebecca Reynolds	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Eric Dyer	Baltimore City	\$6,000.00
Karen Yasinsky	Baltimore City	\$6,000.00

Solo Dance Performance

Susan Leslie Mann	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Laura Schandelmeier	Prince George's	\$1,000.00
Linda-Denise Fisher-Harrell	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Noopur Singha	Prince George's	\$3,000.00
Ryan K. Johnson	Baltimore County	\$6,000.00
Gesel Mason	Prince George's	\$6,000.00

Solo Instrumental Performance

Srinath Balasubramanian	Howard	\$1,000.00
Natasha Dukan	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Mahiri Fadjimba Keita-Edwards	Prince George's	\$1,000.00
Russell David Kirk	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Aglaia Koras	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Eve Mengelkoch	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Shirley Yoo	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Airi Sophia Yoshioka	Baltimore County	\$1,000.00
Darryl Brenzel	Prince George's	\$3,000.00
Lisa Maria Cella	Howard	\$3,000.00
Dave Cipriani	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Dani Cortaza	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Kyle Coughlin	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Joan DeVee Dixon	Allegany	\$3,000.00
Cathy Fink	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Rob Levit	Anne Arundel	\$3,000.00
Kathrin Murray	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Michael Noonan	Anne Arundel	\$3,000.00
Jeff Reed	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Richard Alexander Marlow	Prince George's	\$6,000.00
Peter Minkler	Baltimore County	\$6,000.00
Sandhya Srinath	Howard	\$6,000.00

Solo Theatrical Performance

Debra Mims Reese	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Arianna Ross	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Benjamin John King	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Mara Neimanis	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Jon Spelman	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Grace H. Wang	Montgomery	\$3,000.00

Solo Vocal Performance

Jaya Bala	Howard	\$1,000.00
Carmen Calhoun	Calvert	\$6,000.00

Visual Arts: Installation, Computer Arts and Other Genre

Daniel S. Conrad	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Symmes Gardner	Baltimore County	\$1,000.00
Ryan Michael Hoover	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Helen-Nicole Kostis	Anne Arundel	\$3,000.00
Ann Stoddard	Prince George's	\$3,000.00
Laure Drogoul	Baltimore City	\$6,000.00

Visual Arts: Painting

Tom Block	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Jo Smail	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Jody Isaacson	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
Michael W. Kirby	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Doug Moulden	Frederick	\$1,000.00
Randi Reiss-McCormack	Baltimore County	\$1,000.00
W.C. Richardson	Prince George's	\$1,000.00
James Rieck	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Nora Sturges	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Jessica Lee van Brakle	Montgomery	\$1,000.00
John Aquilino	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Lillian Bayley	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Rachel Bone	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Courtney Jordan	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Matt Klos	Baltimore County	\$3,000.00
Oswaldo Mesa	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
B.G. Muhn	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Bill Schmidt	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Seth Owen Adelsberger	Baltimore City	\$6,000.00

Visual Arts: Works on Paper

Christine Bailey	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Julianna Dail	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Melissa E. Dickenson	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Anna Fine Foer	Anne Arundel	\$1,000.00
Sue Johnson	Saint Mary's	\$1,000.00
Lyle Kissack	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Christopher Michael Siron	Baltimore City	\$1,000.00
Edward Brown	Wicomico	\$3,000.00
Hadieh Marjan Shafie	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Lynn Sures	Montgomery	\$3,000.00
Calla Thompson	Baltimore City	\$3,000.00
Alyssa Marie Dennis	Baltimore City	\$6,000.00
Charles Ritchie	Montgomery	\$6,000.00