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**NOMINATION DEADLINE FOR ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO
FRIDAY MARCH 18**

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Arts Commission and New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, have extended the nomination deadline for the 2011 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. The annual Governor's Arts Awards are recognized as New Mexico's highest and most prestigious artistic honor 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 New Mexican individual living artists working in any discipline who have demonstrated outstanding lifetime achievement in the arts, individual non-artists 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.

Nominations must be received by Friday, March 18, 2011. Nominations may also be hand-delivered no later than March 18 to New Mexico Arts offices 407 Galisteo Street – Rm 270, Santa Fe, NM. Nomination forms are available online at www.nmarts.org/awards or contact New Mexico Arts at 505/827-6490, 800/879-4278 (statewide), or email virginia.castellano@state.nm.us. All nominations are reviewed by a committee of the New Mexico Arts Commission, which sends its recommendations to the Governor.

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, 254 individuals, businesses and corporations have received this coveted award.

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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.