



## *GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS*

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### 2010 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts

## Ten artists and art contributors will receive New Mexico's highest artistic honor

**SANTA FE** – Governor Bill Richardson and First Lady Barbara Richardson will present ten New Mexico artists and arts supporters with the prestigious Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts on Friday, September 24 at the St. Francis Auditorium, New Mexico Museum of Art in Santa Fe.

“I am honored to pay tribute to some of New Mexico's finest artists and art supporters through the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts; these men and women have made major contributions to our economy, tourism industry, education and quality of life,” said Governor Richardson.

“The Governor and I join all New Mexicans in applauding the 2010 Arts Awards winners,” said the First Lady. “This honor is a tribute to their extraordinary talent, creativity and community spirit, through which they enrich the lives of all New Mexicans.”

The 2010 Governor's Arts Awards recipients are: **Woody Gwyn** of Galisteo for Painting; **Tom Noble** of Taos for Painting; **David Scheinbaum** of Santa Fe for Photography/Arts Education; **Arlene Cisneros Sena** of Santa Fe for

Traditional Arts/Santera; **Paul Shapiro** of Santa Fe for Painting; **Wes Studi** of Santa Fe for Film/Actor; **Marian and Abe Silver Jr.** of Santa Fe – Major Contributor to the Arts; **Whited Foundation** of Raton – Major Contributor to the Arts; **Working Classroom** of Albuquerque – Major Contributor to the Arts; and **Robert Redford** of Santa Fe for Leadership in the Arts.

The 2010 Governor's Arts Awards ceremonies will be held on Friday evening, September 24, 5:15 – 7:00 pm at the St. Francis Auditorium, New Mexico Museum of Art in downtown Santa Fe. The ceremony is preceded by an afternoon reception and exhibition opening, 3:30 – 4:30 pm, in the Governor's Gallery, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, State Capitol. Both the awards ceremony and gallery reception are free and open to the public. Seating for the awards ceremony in the St. Francis Auditorium is limited. Free tickets for the event will be available in the lobby of the New Mexico Museum of Art beginning at 3:00 pm on Friday, September 24. Taos guitarist Daniel Jaramillo will provide music in the auditorium from 4:30 – 5:15 pm prior to the ceremony.

The Governor's Arts Awards were established in 1974 by Governor Bruce King and First Lady Alice King to celebrate the extensive roles – both economic and cultural – that artists, craftspeople and arts supporters play in the life of New Mexico. During its 37-year existence, a diverse and prestigious list of painters, weavers, sculptors, dancers, musicians, storytellers, poets, actors, playwrights and potters have been honored. Past awardees include Tony Hillerman, Glenna Goodacre, John Nichols, Georgia O'Keeffe, N. Scott Momaday, Tammy Garcia, Luis Jimenez, Pop Chalee, Richard Farnsworth, Bill Mauldin, Maria Martinez and Patrick Oliphant.

Nominations for the awards are invited each year from arts groups and interested New Mexicans. All nominations are reviewed by a committee of the New Mexico Arts Commission, which sends its recommendations to the full Commission and to the Governor and First Lady.

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