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DOE Celebrates 28th Governor's Awards in Arts Education

Eighty-nine students and 23 educators will take center stage on Wednesday, May 21, to celebrate the annual Governor's Awards in Arts Education. The program, which takes place at 5:00 p.m. at the War Memorial in Trenton, is in its 28th year.

"These awards promote awareness and appreciation of the arts and the role they play in the educational and social development of our students," said Governor Jon S. Corzine. "Our students and educators deserve every accolade we give them, and their successes should be shared with their school communities, both locally and statewide."

The celebration will include 11 performances by students from across New Jersey, including a comedy monologue from William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," a dramatic interpretation from "I Am My Own Wife," by Doug Wright, and a vocal performance of "Non Piu Andrai" from "The Marriage of Figaro" by W.A. Mozart.

"I've played the piano since I was in elementary school and can attest to how much impact participating in the arts has had on my life," said Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy. "Students who are engaged in the arts have a greater sense of the world around them and the power of expression."

The students and educators who will be honored tomorrow showed exemplary work in creative writing, speech, dance, music, theatre and the visual arts and were selected by national and statewide organizations. The event is co-sponsored by the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership.

[Attached is a list of Governor's Awards in Arts Education Recipients](#)

[Attached is the program for tomorrow's event](#)

"The partnership is proud to be co-sponsoring this event to honor these extraordinary students and educators for their excellence in the arts. They are an inspiration to us all," said Kristin Wenger, Director of the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership.

Funding and support for the New Jersey Arts Education Partnership comes from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Music for All, ArtPride New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

NOTE TO REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS: News media are encouraged to cover the event at the War Memorial, and are also encouraged to cover the honorees in their home schools. For more information, please contact the Department of Education Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126.