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### **DOE Lauds 109 Governor's Awards in Arts Education Winners**

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The Department of Education (DOE), in conjunction with the Governor James E. McGreevey Administration, will proudly recognize today the 2003 Governor's Awards in Arts Education winners at a special ceremony at the Trenton War Memorial.

"We are very proud of New Jersey's wealth of creative talent and cultural heritage, especially in the arts," Gov. McGreevey said. "These award winners represent the very best our state has to offer. It is a privilege to recognize such success and I wish these talented artists nothing but the best in the future."

The 109 winners — 89 students and 20 educators — represent the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of the Governor's Arts in Education Awards program, which is sponsored by the DOE and the Alliance for Arts Education/NJ. A list of award winners is attached.

"There is no denying the importance of the arts in every student's education," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera said. "Not only do the arts promote diversity and understanding of other cultures, but they can increase self-esteem as well. These winners embody the need to recognize success in all subject areas, including the arts."

The event will begin at 4 p.m. in the War Memorial Building in Trenton, with student performances and a slide show of award-winning visual art.

The awards ceremony will begin at 4:30 p.m. with remarks by Commissioner Librera, Secretary of State Regena Thomas, State Board Member Sam Podietz and Anthony Migliaccio, president of the Alliance for Arts Education / New Jersey. A reception will be held in the ballroom in the War Memorial following the ceremony.

The following is a list of cooperating arts organizations that sponsor and plan the ceremony:

Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics  
Alliance for Arts Education/NJ  
Art Educators of New Jersey  
Art Administrators of New Jersey  
Institute for Arts and Humanities Education  
New Jersey Association of School Administrators  
New Jersey Council of Teachers of English  
New Jersey Forensic League  
New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts  
New Jersey Music Educators Association  
New Jersey Performing Arts Center  
New Jersey Reading Association  
New Jersey State Council on the Arts  
New Jersey State Department of Education

A list of award winners is attached. For biographical information, please contact the Department of Education Public Information Office at (609) 292-1126.