CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE & TOURISM

Governor's Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism and Distinguished Advocates

2010

CONNECTICUT'S 375th Anniversary 1633-2010

Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism
Industrious. Inventive. Enduring. As we celebrate our state’s 375th anniversary, tonight’s honorees embody the enduring spirit of those who have come before us. Their passion, energy and dedication motivates us all. The honorees have made lasting and outstanding contributions to Connecticut and beyond. They will be celebrated far into the future.

Tonight’s program celebrates the accomplishments of our awardees who hail from all corners of our state. Their work reflects the way in which art, history, digital media and tourism intertwine to form a vibrant creative economy and a great state.

Join with me to congratulate the winners of the 2010 Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism and the Distinguished Advocates and thank them for their hard work and dedication.

Thank you all for your participation and support.

M. Jodi Rell
Governor
Program

Performance
Connecticut State Troubadour, Lara Herscovitch

Welcome
Karen J. Senich, executive director,
Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism
Governor M. Jodi Rell

Presentation of the 2010 Governor's Awards

■ Distinguished Advocates
Presented by Michael Price, chair and Karen J. Senich
Fred T. Blish, Manchester
Coleman H. Casey, Hartford
John Frantzis, Middlebury
Rose Gaudio Lamy, Wallingford
Donna McCalla, Amston
Marian O'Keefe, Seymour

■ Awards for Excellence
Barkley L. Hendricks, New London
Presented by Susan Hendricks, wife of 27 years and director of communication and manager of building and grounds, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London.

Connecticut Humanities Council, Middletown
Presented by Brenda R. Williams, Ph.D., Senior Associate Consultant for Noel-Levitz, a leader in higher education consulting; Professor Emeritus of English and Education at the University of New Haven; and Chair of the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Humanities Council from 2008-2009.

Diane Smith, West Hartford
Presented by Kenn Venit, media consultant, faculty member at Quinnipiac University and Southern Connecticut State University; and past president of the Connecticut Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

ESPN, Bristol
Presented by Trey Wingo, host of ESPN's NFL Live and NFL Primetime; and Andy Katz, senior writer for ESPN.com and a familiar face to UConn men's basketball fans.

■ Special Presentation
The CT State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission
Presented by Walter W. Woodward Ph.D., State Historian and Assistant Professor of History at UCONN.

Closing Remarks
Reception
Special Presentation:  
Connecticut State Capitol  
Preservation and Restoration  
Commission

The Connecticut State Capitol Preservation and Restoration Commission, formed in March 1972, was charged with obtaining funds for the restoration of the State Capitol, which took place from 1979 to 1989. The 12-member Commission continues to oversee the physical, historic and artistic integrity of the State Capitol and its grounds. Its members are:

Robert D. Harris, Jr., Chairperson, Woodbridge  
Representative Emil “Buddy” Altobello, Meriden  
Bernard P. Auger, Marlborough  
Senator Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., Woodbridge  
Raeanne V. Curtis, DPW Commissioner, Hamden  
Lorraine Guilmarit, West Hartford  
Charles B. Higgins, Tolland  
Sally Martin, Wethersfield  
William Morgan, West Hartford  
Thomas D. Ritter, Hartford  
John Ruffalo, III, East Haven  
Dr. Walter W. Woodward, State Historian, West Hartford
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Nicholas Bellantoni, State Archaeologist*
Frank Borres
Charles Bunnell
Carolyn Cicchetti
Arthur Diedrick
Phillip Eliasoph
Anne Elvgren
Walter M. Fiederowicz
Bruce Fraser, Executive Director,
CT Humanities Council *
Betty Hale
Daniel Heffernan
Helen Higgins, Executive Director,
CT Trust for Historic Preservation
Harvey Hubbell
Herbert Jay
Fritz Jellinghaus
Reneson Loisel
Edward Marcus
Lawrence McHugh
Ed McKeon
Guy Ortoleva
Paul Pozzi
Michael P. Price, Chair
Leo Redgate
Clem Roy
Rita Schmidt
Ann Sheffer
Will K. Wilkins
Walter Woodward, State Historian *
Ted Yudain

*Ex-officio members

Genius of Connecticut

The award statuette, sculpted for CCT by Connecticut artist David Boyajian, is affectionately known as CONNie. It is a replica of Randolph Roger’s statue entitled “The Genius of Connecticut” done in 1878. The original bronze figure was created to sit atop of the Connecticut State Capitol. The model stands in the lobby of the State Capitol Building.