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### **Governor Bill Richardson and First Lady Barbara Richardson Announce 2004 Awards for Excellence in the Arts**

*Santa Fe* - Governor Bill Richardson, First Lady Barbara Richardson and members of the New Mexico Arts Commission have announced the recipients of the 2004 Governor's Awards for Excellence and Achievement in the Arts:

“The talent and innovations exhibited by this year’s participants is extraordinary,” said Governor Richardson, “These award winners are stars in New Mexico’s art community.”

First Lady Barbara Richardson said, “The Governor and I are proud to honor these distinguished artists and arts supporters for their outstanding contributions to this celebrated award.”

This year’s Governor’s Arts Awards recipients are:

**Ralph Berkowitz** of Albuquerque for Music

**Glynese Floyd** of Hobbs for Theater

**Clark Hulings** of Santa Fe for Painting

**Michael McGarrity** of Santa Fe Literature

**Elias Rivera** of Santa Fe for Painting

**Nancy Youngblood** of Santa Fe for Ceramics

**Ruth Schultz** of Albuquerque for Individual Support of the Arts

and the **Lannan Foundation** of Santa Fe for Major Contributions to the Arts.

In addition, **Harry Fonseca**, a Santa Fe painter widely known for his “primitive” styles and forms, is the recipient of the 2004 Allan Houser Memorial Award. This award is presented along with the Governor’s Awards to a Native American who has demonstrated outstanding artistic success and community involvement.

The 2004 Annual Governor’s Arts Awards ceremonies will be held on Friday evening, September 17, 5:15 to 7:00 pm at the St. Francis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe. The ceremony will be preceded by an afternoon reception and exhibition opening, 3:30 - 4:45 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.

The Governor's Arts Awards were established in 1974 by Governor Bruce King and First Lady Alice King to celebrate the enormous roles - both economic and cultural - that artists and craftspeople play in the life of New Mexico. During its 30-year existence, a variety of painters, weavers, sculptors, dancers, musicians, storytellers, poets, actors, playwrights and potters have been honored, such as Rudolfo Anaya, Georgia O’Keeffe, Richard Farnsworth, N. Scott Momaday, Larry Bell, Max Evans and Eliot Porter.

Nominations for the coveted 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. The 2004 Awards Selection Committee consisted of Charmay Allred of Santa Fe, Sally Anderson of Roswell, Demetria Martinez of Albuquerque, Betty Morris of Tucumcari, John Rohovec of Silver City and New Mexico Arts division staff member, Kathryn Minette.

The Allan Houser Memorial Award was created in 1994 in order to pay tribute to the late prominent Chiricahua Apache sculptor, patriarch of Native American sculptors and former instructor at the Institute of American Indian Arts. The award is presented each year by the Governor and First Lady in conjunction with the Allan Houser family and the IAIA Museum.