

The Pennsylvania Council on the Arts has announced the recipients of its 2009 Folk & Traditional Arts Fellowship and Apprenticeship awards. Administered by the Institute for Cultural Partnerships, the Fellowship awards of \$5000 honor and recognize excellent practitioners of traditional performing arts and crafts who are known as masters within their community and have made outstanding contributions to the preservation and development of their art. The Apprenticeship awards of up to \$4,000 enable a master to work closely with an apprentice to teach more advanced techniques or repertoire of a traditional artform. This year's Apprenticeship awards went to fourteen master/apprentice partnerships from across the state.

For more information about the Folk and Traditional Arts Fellowships and Apprenticeships, please contact the Institute for Cultural Partnerships at 717-238-1770.

2009 Fellowship award recipients:

Ken Ely, Stonewall Building
David Motak, Szopka or Polish crèche
Ross Shourds, Decoy Carving

2009 Apprenticeship award recipients, arranged by Apprentice's county:

Allegheny

Cathleen Bailey with Barbara Mackey; African American Quilting
Kadiatou Conte with Niche Faulkner and Chrisala Brown; Guinean Dance

Cumberland

Diana Meng with Patrick Chou and Helen Zhang; Chinese Painting

Dauphin

Chen-Yu Tsuei with Erica Leyder; Chinese Dance

Erie

Victoria Angelo and Marta Sam with Salina Langoya, Jeorgina Langoya, Hannah Harman,
Helen Harman, and Sara Waya; Acholi Song and Dance

Mensura Berberovic with Sanela Sinanovic and Selma Sinanovic; Bosnian Sevdalinka

Philip Malual with Monica Ayuen; Sudanese Dinka Storytelling

Lackawanna

Marshall Wolkenstein with Karen Gilat; Yiddish Folk Song and chant

Northumberland

Beverly Conrad with Garrett Ruths; Fiddling

Northampton

Martha Monroy with Brenda Monroy and with Marilyn Monroy; Mexican Ballet Folklorico

Philadelphia

Danis Perez with Dorothy Wilkie; AfroCuban Dance

Tioga

Ross Shourds with Gary Roof; Decoy Carving

York

Maria Sosa with Eddie Cervantes; Mexican Folkloric Dance