



THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

welcome you to

THE WHITE HOUSE

*in recognition of
the recipients of the 2008*

NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS

AND THE

NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL



Monday, November 17, 2008

NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS RECIPIENTS

OLIVIA DE HAVILLAND

for her persuasive and compelling skill as an actress in roles from Shakespeare's Hermia to Margaret Mitchell's Melanie. Her independence, integrity, and grace won creative freedom for herself and her fellow film actors.

FISK UNIVERSITY JUBILEE SINGERS

for historical contributions to American music. Through two centuries, with talent and pride, they have preserved the African American spiritual for audiences throughout the world.

FORD'S THEATRE SOCIETY

for presenting the theatrical arts in our Nation's Capital, and for helping to preserve the memory of our Nation's 16th President, Abraham Lincoln.

JESÚS MOROLES

for his enduring achievements as a sculptor of stone. His granite monuments grace America's landscape.

HENRY W. JONES, JR.

for his exemplary artistry as a jazz pianist and composer spanning well over a half century. His versatile performances blend swing with elegance and sophistication.

JOSÉ LIMÓN DANCE FOUNDATION

for innovative contributions to American modern dance. Through its company and institute, the foundation has brought skill and dramatic movement to both classic and contemporary works.

STAN LEE

for his groundbreaking work as one of America's most prolific storytellers, recreating the American comic book. His complex plots and humane superheroes celebrate courage, honesty, and the importance of helping the less fortunate, reflecting America's inherent goodness.

THE PRESSER FOUNDATION

for providing financial aid to generations of musicians, music teachers, and students, and for inspired patronage of music libraries.

THE SHERMAN BROTHERS

for unforgettable songs and optimistic lyrics that have brought magic to the screen and stage. The Sherman Brothers' music has helped bring joy to millions.



NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL RECIPIENTS

GABOR S. BORITT

for a distinguished career of scholarship on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War era. His life's work and his life's story stand as testaments to our Nation's precious legacy of liberty.

RICHARD BROOKHISER

for helping reintroduce Americans to the personalities, eccentricities, and noble ideals of our Founding Fathers. His works of biography and history have rendered vivid and accessible portraits of the early days of the Republic.

HAROLD HOLZER

for engaging scholarship on that crucible of our history, the American Civil War. His work has brought new understanding of the many facets of Abraham Lincoln and his era through the study of image, word, and deed.

MYRON MAGNET

for scholarship and visionary influence in renewing our national culture of compassion. He has combined literary and cultural history with a profound understanding of contemporary urban life to examine new ways of relieving poverty and renewing civic institutions.

ALBERT MARRIN

for opening young minds to the glorious pageant of history. His books have made the lessons of the past come alive with rich detail and energy for a new generation.

MILTON J. ROSENBERG

for bringing the world of ideas to millions of listeners. Combining a scholar's understanding and a teacher's openness, he has made a home in radio for elevated conversation and profound thought.

JOHN TEMPLETON FOUNDATION

for opening new frontiers in the pursuit of answers to mankind's oldest questions. The Templeton Foundation has been the catalyst of groundbreaking work in scientific, religious, and philosophical exploration of the deepest concerns of the humanities and the human race.

NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM

for studying and honoring the life, work, and ideals of an icon of American art. The museum has been the careful curator of the archives, illustrations, and benevolent spirit Norman Rockwell bequeathed to the Nation.

ROBERT H. SMITH

for his profoundly wise stewardship and generous support of our Nation's premiere institutions of historical, artistic, and cultural heritage. He has been a farsighted benefactor and a civic leader for all seasons.

THOMAS A. SAUNDERS, III AND JORDAN HORNER SAUNDERS

for their wise leadership and philanthropy on behalf of higher education, the study of art, and greater understanding of American history. They have enriched our culture and ensured a lasting legacy for future generations.

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