

REMARKS BY GOVERNOR VIC ATIYEH
GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS
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IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO PRESENT TODAY, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF OREGON, THE 1983 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS. THIS AWARD IS MADE ANNUALLY TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE MADE TRULY EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CULTURAL LIFE.

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS HAVE GIVEN MUCH OF THEMSELVES AND WE ARE ALL THE RICHER FOR THEIR EFFORTS. THEIR VISION AND DEDICATION HAVE NOT ONLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL CREATIVE EXPRESSION IN OUR STATE, BUT HAVE ALSO PROVIDED GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPERIENCE OF ART. THROUGH THEIR HARD WORK OREGON HAS BECOME A BETTER AND MORE STIMULATING PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

I APPRECIATE OREGON'S RICH AND DIVERSE CULTURAL HISTORY RANGING FROM THE TRADITIONAL ARTS OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE STATE'S EARLY SETTLERS THROUGH THE EXCITING AND THOUGHT PROVOKING WORKS BEING DONE BY CONTEMPORARY VISUAL, PERFORMING AND LITERARY ARTISTS. THEIR VISION HAS BEEN AND IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE OREGON EXPERIENCE.

IT IS WITH GRATITUDE THAT I PRESENT THE 1983 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS.

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