

THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. BUSH

welcome you to

THE WHITE HOUSE

in recognition of

the recipients of the 2006

NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS

AND THE

NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL



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NATIONAL MEDAL OF ARTS RECIPIENTS

WILLIAM BOLCOM

for his talent and versatility as a musical composer and pianist. From opera to ragtime to rock, his imaginative arrangements have moved countless individuals and left a lasting imprint on the world of music.

CYD CHARISSE

for her vibrant and brilliant contributions in dance from ballet to Broadway to Hollywood film. An American icon, she has entertained millions throughout her career with her many stunning performances.

ROY R. DeCARAVA

for his groundbreaking photography of African-American life. In the midst of the Civil Rights movement, his revealing work seized the attention of our Nation while displaying the dignity and determination of his subjects.

WILHELMINA HOLLADAY

for her steadfast leadership in creating the National Museum of Women in the Arts. Her dedicated efforts have helped bring well-deserved recognition to some of history's most talented female artists.

INTERLOCHEN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

for educating musicians and artists of all walks of life. Since its founding, the Center has encouraged artistic expression, worked to bridge the barriers of language and culture, and helped promote international goodwill and understanding.

ERICH KUNZEL

for his innovative achievements as a conductor. His remarkable "Pops" performances of classical and popular music have expanded the appeal of both and brought great music to millions.

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

for nurturing and perpetuating a uniquely American musical style—New Orleans Jazz. With enormous talent and pride, this ageless ensemble has toured the world displaying the unbreakable spirit of New Orleans and sharing the joy of New Orleans Jazz with us all.

GREGORY RABASSA

for his enduring gifts to literature. His masterful English translations of some of Latin America's finest contemporary literature continue to enhance our cultural understanding and enrich our lives.

VIKTOR SCHRECKENGOST

for his visionary inventiveness and ingenuity. His fusion of elegance and practicality in industrial design led to remarkable innovations that have helped improve American life in countless ways.

DR. RALPH STANLEY

for his lasting contributions to music and our rich Bluegrass heritage. His memorable narratives of the human experience echo far beyond the Clinch Mountains of Virginia and resound with emotion across the American landscape.

NATIONAL HUMANITIES MEDAL RECIPIENTS

FOUAD AJAMI

for revealing common threads of hope across lines of geography, religion, and history. His scholarship has broadened our understanding of the yearnings, dreams, and challenges of the people of the Middle East.

JAMES M. BUCHANAN

for highlighting the role of freedom and choice in the field of economics. As a teacher, scholar, and writer, he has enlivened his discipline and enlightened both peers and policy makers.

NICKOLAS DAVATZES

for fostering a greater understanding and appreciation of history. Harnessing the potential of television to expand our knowledge, he helped preserve the places and artifacts that remind Americans of our precious and unique heritage.

ROBERT FAGLES

for literary achievements honoring the timeless glory and grandeur of classical civilizations. He has renewed our connection with some of the most important and powerful tales of the ancient world.

HOOVER INSTITUTION

for its responsible stewardship and its promotion of liberty and peace. For more than four decades, it has supported many of our leading thinkers and enriched public discourse on the most vital and consequential issues facing our Nation.

MARY LEFKOWITZ

for outstanding excellence in scholarship and teaching. She has been a champion of high standards and integrity in the study of Ancient Greece and its relevance to contemporary thought.

BERNARD LEWIS

for a lifetime of study that has outlined the overlapping histories and destinies of Islam and Christendom. He has lent a compelling voice of reason and truth to an era of great challenge.

MARK A. NOLL

for unparalleled contributions to the study of North American religious history. He has been a leader in documenting, surveying, and explaining the pivotal role of evangelical Christianity in American life and culture.

MERYLE SECREST

for illuminating the lives and contributions of great artists, architects, and scholars of the 20th century. She has helped readers appreciate the genius and humanity of some of America's most celebrated cultural and artistic personalities.

KEVIN STARR

for exploring and explaining the special role of California in the story of our Nation. Through his writing and public service, he has ensured that a major chapter of our history is preserved for generations to come.

