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Committee Selects 2006 Missouri Arts Awards Recipients

ST. LOUIS – The Missouri Arts Council today announced that four individuals and one art institution have been selected to receive 2006 Missouri Arts Awards – the state’s highest honor in the arts.

The winners by category are: Dr. Barbara Harbach, St. Louis – Arts Education; The Springfield Little Theatre, Springfield – Arts Organization; Anthony LeRoy Glise, St. Joseph – Individual Artist; Sally Brayley Bliss, St. Louis – Arts Leadership; and Barbara Hall Marshall, Kansas City -- Philanthropy. In addition, the selection committee voted to present a special Lifetime Achievement Award to Maestro Hugo Vianello of Columbia for his exceptional body of work.

“The committee had difficult decisions to make,” said Cynthia Cartwright of Kansas City, chairman of the awards selection committee and a Missouri Arts Council member. “There were far more worthy nominees than awards to give. We are delighted with the results and congratulate the 2006 Missouri Arts Awards recipients.”

The awards will officially be presented by Gov. Matt Blunt and First Lady Melanie Blunt at a ceremony at 2 p.m. on Feb. 8 at the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City.

Serving with Cartwright on the selection committee were: Jean Cantwell of Branson, a former council member and a 1992 Missouri Arts Award Recipient; Avis May of St. Louis, Community Education Specialist; Terry Oldham of St. Joseph, executive director, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art; Jeff Sandquist of Rolla, president, Southwest Division American Choral Directors and past president, Missouri Music Educators Association; and Cathy Smith of Trenton, president, Grundy County Friends of the Arts.

Initiated in 1983, the Missouri Arts Award honors individuals and institutions that have made profound and lasting contributions to the cultural and artistic climate of the state. Each year, Missouri Arts Award nominees are reviewed by a committee of Missouri citizens from throughout the state who are knowledgeable, experienced and highly respected in the arts.

A division of the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the Missouri Arts Council is the second oldest, state-funded arts agency in the country. It was established in 1965 to encourage and stimulate the growth, development and appreciation of the arts in Missouri and to help provide direction in policy making and programmatic oversight. The Council consists of 15 volunteer citizens from across the state who are appointed by the department director.

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