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Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio Announces the 2007 Arts Educator Awards and Celebration

Cleveland, Ohio (March 20, 2007)– On May 9, 2007, Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio (YANEO) will present **the seventh annual Arts Educator Awards** at the English Oak Room in Tower City Center. The event will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Advocate tickets are \$25 and patron tickets are \$50.

The Arts Educator Awards recognize and celebrate individuals from all disciplines who use the arts to enrich education and enhance learning of the curriculum. Awards are given in three categories: Primary Arts Educator, Secondary Arts Educator, and Arts Education Champion.

The 2007 recipients are:

Jenna Jones, PhD, Fullerton Elementary School, Cleveland Municipal School District --
Primary Arts Educator

Randolph Laycock, PhD, Valley Forge High School, Parma City Schools -- Secondary Arts
Educator

Loe Goldwasser, Readers Theater and Dignity Project -- Arts Education Champion

Margaret Lynch, PhD, Cleveland Theater Collective -- Arts Education Champion

“These honorees represent the best arts educators in Northeast Ohio, and their commitment to incorporating the arts into everyday education affects the lives of every student they touch,” said YANEO Executive Director Marsha Dobrzynski.

Nomination forms were distributed in the fall of 2006. A panel of distinguished business, education and community leaders reviewed nominations received by YANEO and granted awards to the above mentioned recipients. Winners receive a \$500 stipend and a \$300 program voucher for Young Audiences programs. They will also be asked to serve on the selection committee for future Arts Educator Awards.

More details on the winners are available on Young Audiences’ website at www.yaneo.org. To purchase tickets for the event, call 216-561-5005, or send an email to info@yaneo.org.

About Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio

Young Audiences of Northeast Ohio (YANEO) enriches the lives of children and promotes creative learning by uniting arts and education. Organized in 1953, the Northeast Ohio chapter of Young Audiences is the only multi-arts resource for schools in the region whose primary purpose is to make learning through the arts an essential part of young people’s education. Programs take place in public, private, and parochial schools, reaching over 265,000 young people each year.

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