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## **Chandler Center for the Arts Wins Governor's Arts Award**

**Chandler, AZ** –For the second consecutive year, the Chandler Center for the Arts was recognized for outstanding contributions to the arts with a nomination for the Governor’s Arts Award. This was the second nomination and first win for the Center. The award is presented annually by the Office of the Governor, Arizona Commission on the Arts and Arizona Citizens for the Arts.

The Chandler Center for the Arts was 1 of 16 organizations that were recognized with a nomination as having made significant contributions in their community. The Chandler Center for the Arts is jointly owned and operated by the City of Chandler and the Chandler Unified School District, and programmed by the Chandler Cultural Foundation, a separate non-profit corporation. The Center has operated under this scenario since opening in 1989. In 1997, the Center opened a satellite space-the Vision Gallery-where more than 1,200 children each year participate in free art workshops.

“Winning this award is a tremendous honor and a testament to our staff, volunteers and supporters who have worked so hard to make the Center and Vision Gallery a success over the years. There is no better reward than to be recognized for a job well done, especially among such other worthy nominees”, says Chandler Center for the Arts Manager, Katrina Mueller.

Harriet Rickert, Chairwoman of the Chandler Cultural Foundation said, “It is with deep appreciation that we have received this award. It is the recognition of years of effort by so many people-board members, staff and volunteers-dedicated to building the quality entertainment and services for Chandler and the surrounding area. It has been rewarding and we do appreciate it.”

**The award was presented at a special celebration on Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at the Camelback Inn.**

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