

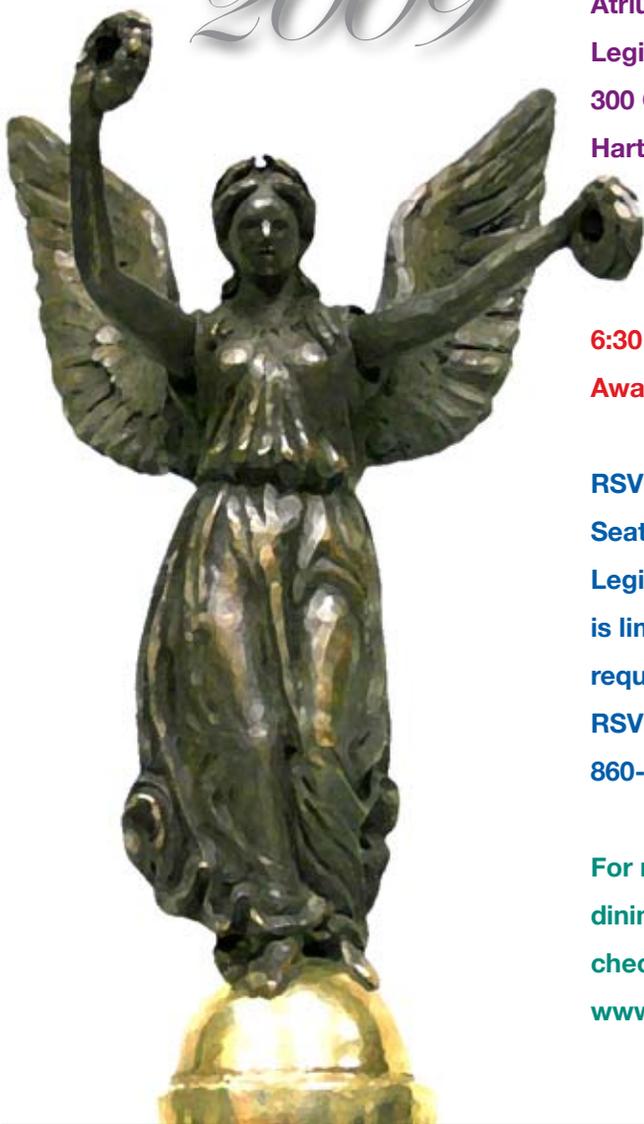


Connecticut Commission
on Culture & Tourism

Governor's Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism

and the Distinguished Advocates Awards

2009



Wednesday, April 15, 2009

**Atrium at the
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut**

**6:30 pm
Awards ceremony**

**RSVP
Seating in the Atrium at the
Legislative Office Building
is limited. No tickets
required, however, please
RSVP by April 10th,
860-256-2800**

**For restaurant guide and
dining specials in Hartford
check:
www.cultureandtourism.org**

*"Distinction is the consequence,
never the object of a great mind."*

– George Washington Allston



As the demands of our world change, Connecticut is fortunate to have so many creative people finding innovative ways to confront them. The men and women we honor have consistently produced exceptional work as they responded to new challenges. Through their talents and abilities they keep our standards high and inspire us to greater levels. Their accomplishments reinforce our pride in Connecticut. We thank them for lifting our spirits, reflecting our dreams and connecting us to each other.

Join with me to congratulate this year's winners and be a part of their well-deserved celebration.

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

*The Governor's
Awards for Excellence
in Culture & Tourism
is an event that brings
together individuals
from the arts, historic
preservation, tourism and
film industries for an
evening of celebration.*

The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism brings together tourism, film, historic preservation and the arts. Its mission is to preserve and promote Connecticut's cultural and tourism assets in order to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the state. The Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism is located at One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor, Hartford, Connecticut. For more information, log on to www.cultureandtourism.org.



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Governor's Awards for Excellence

Recipients of the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism are Connecticut residents selected based on magnitude of achievement, the level of recognition brought by achievement and sustained contribution to the field and the state.

Philip Roth, author, Warren

Winner of a Pulitzer Prize in 1997 for *American Pastoral*, Philip Roth is considered one of America's greatest novelists and short story writers. He gained early literary fame with the 1959 collection *Goodbye, Columbus* (winner of 1960's National Book Award) and has continued to write over 25 critically acclaimed works. Roth's newest novel, *Indignation*, was released 2008.

Smith Edwards Architects, Hartford

Smith Edwards was formed by Tyler Smith and Jared I. Edwards in 1977. Smith Edwards Architects is nationally recognized for their distinguished work with existing buildings and have served as architects for the restoration of some of Connecticut's most prestigious landmarks and adaptive reuse projects, including the State Capitol, the Old State House, Billings Forge in Hartford and the Ninth Square in New Haven.

Campbell Scott, actor, producer, writer and director, Sharon

American actor, director, producer, and voice artist, Campbell Scott has appeared in over 30 major motion and television pictures, including *Dying Young* and *Six Degrees*, and won both the New York Film Critics Circle Award and the Boston Society of Film Critics Award for Best New Director for his directorial debut of *Big Night*. Campbell has also recently completed writing, directing and producing the mockumentary *Company Retreat* which was filmed in Litchfield County, Connecticut. Currently he can be seen as Mr. Rich in *Royal Pains* on the USA Network.

Jacques Pépin, culinary artist, author and television personality, Madison

One of America's best-known chefs, cookbook authors and cooking teachers, Jacques Pépin has published 26 books and numerous articles, including a quarterly column for *Food & Wine*, and hosted 11 acclaimed public television cooking series. His newest book and series are follow-ups to his previous PBS-TV series and companion cookbook, *Jacques Pépin: Fast Food My Way*. Debuting in October 2008, the new series and book are entitled *Jacques Pépin: More Fast Food My Way*.

Distinguished Advocates Awards

Recipients of the Distinguished Advocate Awards are Connecticut residents who, without monetary compensation, have worked to strengthen, preserve or promote the arts, history, film and tourism in the state and made a significant impact on one or more organizations, or have made important contributions to their communities, regions or the state.

Harriett M. Bessette, Stonington, for her 30+ years of advocating for tourism in Eastern Connecticut.

Gregg Dancho, Stratford, for his efforts and dedication to numerous tourism industry councils in Bridgeport.

Steffi Friedman, Westport, for her volunteer service at the Music and Arts Center for Humanity in Bridgeport and her lifelong commitment to helping emerging artists.

Marilyn Percy, Waterford, for her 30+ years of volunteer service at the Florence Griswold Museum.

Frank and Patrice Galterio, Kent, co-founders and co-directors of the Kent Film Festival.

Astrid T. Hanzalek, Suffield, for her lifelong dedication to public service and numerous non-profit organizations, including the Connecticut Landmarks.

Valerie Gail Williams, Plainville, for her efforts to promote the Connecticut Freedom Trail and to raise public awareness of the contributions of Connecticut's African American citizenry to the nation's and state's development and history.