

## **STATE ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF THE 2014 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE AND LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

### *Governor Malloy Also to Recognize Supporters of the Arts*

The state Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) today announced the recipients of the 2014 Governor's Arts Awards, which honor Connecticut artists who have demonstrated excellence and lifetime achievements in the arts.

"These remarkable individuals, and all artists in general, enrich the quality of life in Connecticut and the world," said Kip Bergstrom, deputy commissioner of DECD. "Connecticut is fortunate and proud to have this amazing group of artists living and working in our great state. The Governor's Arts Awards provides the opportunity to recognize and celebrate these extraordinary individuals."

The 2014 recipients are:

**Tim Prentice**, kinetic sculptor of West Cornwall  
**Christopher Plummer**, film, TV and stage actor of Weston  
**Luanne Rice**, New York Times bestselling author of Old Lyme

Established in 1978, the Governor's Arts Awards recognize artists, arts organizations, businesses, and educators for their outstanding service to the arts in Connecticut. Honorees are selected based on the magnitude, the level of recognition, and the sustained contribution to the arts their achievements cultivate. They must be residents of Connecticut.

Recipients of this year's awards will be honored by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on Saturday, June 14, with several events including:

- Opening Celebration: Presentation of the Governor's Arts Awards for Excellence and Lifetime Achievement and the Governor's Patron of the Arts Awards, Saturday, June 14, 2014, 3:00 p.m., at Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel Street, New Haven;
- Panel Discussion, hosted by the by the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, with the recipients of the 2014 Governor's Arts Awards for Excellence and Lifetime Achievement, immediately following the award presentation, at Yale University Art Gallery, 1111 Chapel Street, New Haven;
- Arts Award Reception, Saturday, June 14, 4:30 p.m., at the Q Club, 221 Church Street, New Haven; and
- Re-Cap of the Governor's Arts Awards with Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman, Saturday, June 14, 2014, 7 p.m., the Elm Street Stage at the New Haven Green.

In addition to the presentation of the 2014 Governor's Arts Award, Governor Malloy will present for the first time the Patrons of the Arts Awards to recognize individuals, foundations and companies for their generosity, passion and support of the arts. The 2014 Patrons of the Arts are:

**The Travelers Companies, Inc.** of Hartford  
**The Emily Hall Tremain Foundation** of New Haven  
**Anne Calabresi** of Woodbridge  
**Roslyn Meyer** of Guilford  
**Jean Handley**, posthumous, of Guilford

Also, the 2014 Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Awards will be presented to **Stephen Collins** of the Waterbury Symphony Orchestra. The Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship annually recognizes an exceptionally accomplished Connecticut arts administrator and acknowledges the important role of arts administrators in the state's nonprofit arts industry.

**About the Governor's Arts Awards**

*Established in 1978, the Connecticut Arts Awards (renamed Governor's Arts Awards in 1993) recognizes remarkable individuals and organizations for excellence and lifetime achievement in the arts. More than 140 artists, arts organizations, patrons, businesses, and individuals have been honored for their dedication to the arts and culture in Connecticut.*

###

For Immediate Release: June 2, 2014  
Contact: Dave Treadwell  
[david.treadwell@ct.gov](mailto:david.treadwell@ct.gov)  
860-270-8086