

MEDIA/PHOTO ALERT

2006 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS AT JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER

'Salute to the Presidential Scholars' to Feature Performances by Scholars in the Performing Arts

Who/What: The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and The National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) will celebrate this year's Presidential Scholars with a "Salute to the 2006 Presidential Scholars." Spanning the U.S., the 141 students are recognized for their academic and community service achievements. Twenty of these students have been honored with the Presidential Scholars in the Arts designation based upon their extraordinary artistic talents.

The Salute will feature live performances by 13 Presidential Scholars in the Arts in solo showcases, including jazz trumpet, pop and classical vocal, classical piano, violin, theater and dance.

Before the performance, all 141 Scholars will be presented with medallions by Ray Simon, Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. Presidential Scholars in the Arts are recommended exclusively through participation in NFAA's ARTS program. NFAA identifies and rewards exceptional student artists from across the U.S. in the fields of dance, film and video, classical music, pop and jazz music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. The 2006 Presidential Scholars in visual arts, film and video and writing are featured in an exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art through June 25.

When: **Monday, June 26**
8:30 p.m.

Where: **Concert Hall at the John F. Kennedy Performing Arts Center**
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Washington, DC 20566

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ABOUT NFAA:

Dedicated to empowering the arts for America's future, the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) is a Miami-based, non-profit organization founded in 1981. NFAA's mission is to identify emerging artists and assist them at critical junctures with their educational and professional development; and to raise the appreciation for, and support of, the arts in American society. In the past 25 years, NFAA has honored 10,000+ young artists with more than \$5 million in direct cash awards and nearly \$82 million in college scholarship opportunities. For more information, visit www.NFAA.org.