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ARTS NC STATE AWARDS 2009 BOWERS MEDAL OF ARTS

RALEIGH, N.C. - Richard Bryant, Paul Michaels, Mimi McKinney and the late Claude McKinney received the 2009 Bowers Medal of Arts Award from ARTS NC STATE. The awards were presented at the ARTS NC STATE Gala held at North Carolina State University's Frank Thompson Hall on April 18, 2009.

This prestigious award recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Bryant, Michaels, and the McKinneys to the cultivation and support of all the arts at North Carolina State University.

Richard K. Bryant, co-founder and president of Capital Investment Companies in Raleigh, is a 1981 NC State College of Management alumnus. A founding member and former chairperson of the Friends of ARTS NC STATE (FANS) Board of Advisors, Bryant created a thriving NC State Athletic Bands Endowment, and co-chaired the Frank Thompson Hall Renovation Campaign that raised \$2.8 million in private funds.

Paul Michaels was instrumental in creating ARTS NC STATE, the umbrella organization for the six visual and performing arts at NC State University, and served as the first chair of the FANS Board of Advisors. Following two terms on the FANS board, he served as ARTS NC STATE's campaign co-chair for *Achieve!* The Campaign for NC State, the first university-wide capital campaign for the arts. Michaels is a partner at the Raleigh law firm Michaels and Michaels.

Claude and Mimi McKinney's contributions to the community, NC State University and ARTS NC STATE have been vast. The late Claude McKinney, former Dean and Professor in the College of Design from 1973-1988, and then founding coordinator for the development of Centennial Campus at NC State University, served on the FANS Board of Advisors, advocated for the Frank Thompson Hall Renovation, and actively served throughout the community. Claude McKinney passed away in November 2008. Mimi McKinney, also a strong community leader, served on the Friends of the Gregg (FOG) Board of Directors and co-chaired the 1991 FOG Gala. The McKinneys were founding members of the University Visual Arts Center, which evolved into what is now the Gregg Museum of Art & Design. It is with the help of the McKinney's time, talents and resources that many dreams have been realized.

The three 2009 award recipients share the same commitment to the arts as Henry Bowers, in whose honor this award was established in 2000. Past recipients of the Bowers Medal of Arts Award are: Henry Bowers (2000), Elizabeth Farrow Buford (2001); Mary B. Regan (2002); Nancy C. Gregg (2003); Susan & Randall Ward (2004); The Masini Family (2005); The Titmus Foundation (2006); Henry & Martha Zaytoun and Banks C. Talley, Jr. (2007); and the late Diane Howard (2008).

ABOUT ARTS NC STATE

ARTS NC STATE is an umbrella organization comprised of the six visual and performing arts programs of North Carolina State University: Center Stage, The Crafts Center, Dance Program, Gregg Museum of Art & Design, Music Department and University Theatre. Each year, ARTS NC STATE provides hundreds of outstanding arts opportunities for both the campus and the greater community. For more information, see www.ncsu.edu/arts.

NOTE: For the full award citations, see the attached PDF file.

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