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## Mac Wiseman to Receive National Heritage Award

The National Endowment for the Arts recently announced that International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame member Mac Wiseman will be one of 11 recipients of the National Heritage Award, America's highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Chosen for their artistic excellence and contributions to our nation's cultural heritage, these award recipients represent a cross-section of ethnic cultures, traditions and art forms.



said. "There will be four days of banquets and presentations, and they've asked me to do about eight minutes of live music on the program. I was very flattered by that. This is the 25th year of making these awards, and this makes me feel like one of the 'big boys,'

to be honest with you," he added, smiling.

National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Dana Gioia said, "It is important to recognize the diverse traditional arts that enrich America's cultural landscape and to award those whose dedication and artistry are so integral to the continuation of these art forms."

The 2008 awardees will be recognized in a series of events in Washington, DC in September, including a banquet at the Library of Congress, an awards presentation on Capitol Hill and a concert scheduled for Sept. 19, at the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda, Maryland.

Wiseman says the late Charles Wolfe of Middle Tennessee State University nominated him for the National Heritage Award six years ago, followed by letters of support from several individuals. "I was under the impression that after five years, nominations were discarded, so I was pleasantly surprised when they called me and congratulated me and told me I was a winner," Mac

In addition to Wiseman, the following individuals will be recognized: Nez Perce drum maker & singer Horace P. Axtell, quilter Bettye Kimbrell; saddle-maker Dale Harwood, Peruvian retablo maker Jeronimo E. Lozano, the Oneida Hymn Singers of Wisconsin, Korean dancer & musician Sue Yeon Park, Ethiopian liturgical musician & scholar Moges Seyoum, Capoeira master Jelon Vieira, traditional jazz musician

## Songwriters Invited to Showcase at IBMA Business Conference

Mark your calendars now if you are looking for new bluegrass material for an upcoming recording. The following songwriters have been invited to showcase their original material at IBMA's annual Songwriter Showcase, sponsored by ASCAP and hosted at the Nashville Convention Center during the IBMA Business Conference on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 30, 4-6:30 p.m. Our sincere thanks is extended to the 86 writers who submitted material for consideration.

"Don't Turn Your Back," by Louisa Branscomb

"Missin' You," by Kathy Chiavola

"Rise and Walk," by JD Crockett

"Cumberland," by Dennis Duff

"Learning' How to Be a Better Fool," by Keith Harden & Rick Alan Carpenter

"Sweet Willow Tree," by Erika Chambers & Connie Leigh

"Blue Some Other Day," by Emma & Bryan McDowell

"Chapel Car," by Kent Riggs

"Lonely," by Becky Schlegel

"Chaserville," by Michael VanBrackle

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