

**HEIDI FOGLESONG TO EMCEE GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARDS; ASU VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE, NOMINEE ZARCO GUERRERO'S BAND TO ENTERTAIN**  
*29<sup>th</sup> Annual Event at Orpheum Theatre, Monday, April 19*

PHOENIX, Ariz. (April xx, 2010): Well-known Valley broadcaster Heidi Foglesong will be at the microphone to emcee the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Governor's Arts Awards on Monday, April 19 at the Orpheum Theatre.

Following a welcome by Arizona Governor Janice K. Brewer, Foglesong will serve as mistress of ceremonies at the Academy-Awards style event that recognizes outstanding achievement and contributions to Arizona's arts industry.

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Governor Brewer will open the one-hour program at 7 p.m. following the pre-event reception on the plaza adjacent to the theatre. The post-presentation dessert reception with Bossa Nossa is scheduled from 8-9 p.m.

The event also will feature entertainment by actors from Greasepaint Theatre, with music by "Heatwave," the ASU vocal jazz ensemble, and a short performance by members of award nominee Mountain Ridge High School band of Glendale during pre-award cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 7 p.m. During the dessert reception, Bossa Nossa, a band featuring Zarco Guerrero, will perform. Guerrero is one of the Arizona artists whose art piece will be presented to an honoree in one of the awards categories. Honorees in all categories will receive specially created wood pieces by Arizona artists.

The Governor's Arts Awards are presented by Arizona Citizens for the Arts, the Arizona Commission on the Arts and the Office of the Governor.

In addition to presenting awards to nominees in five categories, Tucson resident Shirley Chann will receive the fifth annual Shelley Arts Advocate Award, named for Shelley Cohn, the former Arizona Commission on the Arts executive director.

Individual tickets are \$150 per person.

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