



California State University, Northridge
National Center on Deafness
2nd CSUN NCOD Stars Gala,
De'VIA Art Auction and Awards Program

What? Banquet, Entertainment, Cloud Awards & Auction of Art Works by Deaf Artists.
De'VIA Art Show and Auction with Marlee Matlin and Ed Waterstreet!

Whoa! When? Saturday Nov 14, 2009 6:30 – 11:30pm

Why? Increase much needed funds for CSUN Deaf Student Scholarships and Programs

Where? Northridge Center Complex, University Student Union (USU) at CSUN
18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330
\$6.00 on-campus parking fee. www.csun.edu/maps

Sign up now! Limited # of Seats.
Please RSVP with names of attendees and meal choices.
\$85.00 per person, RSVP by November 9, 2009
You can also "buy a table for 8 people" – contact us for details.

AND best of all, you will go home with wonderful memories, a full stomach, possibly a heirloom De'VIA artwork or two, and the delightful knowledge that *all the proceeds go directly to CSUN NCOD student scholarships and programs!*

For more information, please visit www.csun.edu/ncod or email us at ncod@csun.edu .

Thank you! See you soon!

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Dr. Roz Rosen, NCOD Director

Please indicate your dinner choice (s):

Mediterranean Chicken or Filet Tenderloin Medallions or Vegetable Napoleon Tower

Your name:

Address:

Email:

Please make your check payable to National Center on Deafness/CSUN and mail to:

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Donations Welcomed. Thank you!!

PRESS RELEASE

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National Center on Deafness at CSUN Announces 2009 Leadership Awards

The National Center on Deafness (NCOD) at California State University, Northridge proudly announces the revival of the prestigious CSUN NCOD Awards: the Cloud Award for exemplary leadership, the Bulwer Award for innovative leadership, and the Distinguished Service Award for lifelong commitment to enhancing quality of life for Deaf People. These awards were given nearly annually from 1968 to 1998. The 2009 Awards will be given at the CSUN NCOD Stars Gala on November 14, 2009.

The 2009 recipients are:

CLOUD AWARD for Exemplary Leadership in Education, Human, and/or Community Services: *Herbert W. Larson*

Born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, Herb Larson received his B.S. in Education from Gallaudet University in 1956 and M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from CSUN in 1965 as well as teaching credentials in English, Philosophy and Educational Administration. Currently retired from the post of CSUN NCOD Director, he served 43 years in education and administration in Wisconsin and California. Previous to his work at CSUN, he taught deaf and hard of hearing students in both residential and mainstreamed programs and served as an administrator of high school deaf and hard of hearing programs and pregnant minor programs in Southern California.

Herb is also a 1989 Emmy award winner for his exemplary performance in hosting the "Off Hand" TV series, an informational and humorous program featuring deaf people and sign language. He hosted 385 shows over 9 years, and acted and consulted in several TV shows/programs.

Herb is recognized nationally for facilitating greater awareness and appreciation of abilities of deaf people and advocating for greater access and success for all.

BULWER AWARD for Innovative Leadership: *California School for the Deaf (CSD)*

The California School for the Deaf celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary this year. Founded in 1860 in San Francisco, CSD's home for many years was in Berkeley (now occupied by UCB) before it moved to Fremont in 1980, where it has continued to grow and flourish. With its superintendent, Dr. Henry Klopping, at the helm since 1975, the school is recognized and respected regionally, nationally and internationally as a program of bilingual excellence, surpassed by none. CSD is a fully accredited school which meets state standards and participates in continuous cycles of evaluation, goal setting, and improvement. The CSD philosophy focuses on the educational, social and emotional needs of the whole student and supports artistic and athletic abilities, leadership, and real-world experiences for its students. CSD provides cutting-edge curricula and bilingual pedagogies, stresses multiple literacies, and fosters academic, career and personal success. The CSD workforce, fluent in ASL and English, is knowledgeable and passionate about Deaf culture, language acquisition practices, learning technologies and bilingual education. CSD is well-known for its outreach, family and community programs, its sterling standards and high expectations for all. Its legendary graduates are a testimony to the commitment, quality and compassion demonstrated by its faculty and staff, who serve as highly respected role models and leaders for the student body, community and the nation. CSD is acknowledged as a bedrock and home of the Deaf Community and as an outstanding, innovative educational leader, emulated by many.

BULWER AWARD for Innovative Leadership: *Deaf West Theatre Company*

Dr. Ed Waterstreet, Deaf West Theatre Artistic Director and CEO, states that when he and his wife, Linda Bove, arrived in Los Angeles 20 years ago, they were astounded at the lack of cultural opportunities for the 1.5 million Deaf and hard of hearing Los Angelinos. With their 12 years of experience and expertise with the National Theatre of the Deaf, they rolled up their sleeves and set about achieving their dream of a permanent Sign Language Theatre company on the West Coast.

They started with just one chair, desk and typewriter in a shared office and there, Deaf West Theatre (DWT) was born in 1991. With funds from the U.S. Department of Education, DWT began offering theatrical productions and educational outreach workshops demonstrating the artistic beauty of American Sign Language. With continuing support from various donors and foundations, DWT currently occupies its own theater space in the burgeoning North Hollywood Theatre and Arts District of Los Angeles and often uses the Mark Taper Forum for its bigger musical productions.

Its distinguished, award-winning productions and awards include the 2004 Tony Honor of Excellence for the Broadway play, "Big River", the 2007 Theatre LA Ovation Award for "Sleeping Beauty Wakes", and many more. Its most recent productions included "Pippin" and "Children of a Lesser God."

Having successfully produced 12 award winning seasons, Deaf West Theatre continues to strive toward its goal of providing an exhilarating theatrical experience for all audiences, deaf and hearing, signers and non-signers. Additionally, DWT continues to experiment to achieve even greater access and enjoyment for all theatre-goers.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD for Lifelong Commitment to Enhancing Lives: *Sheri Ann Farinha*

Sheri Ann Farinha was born and raised in Sacramento, California. She received her B.A. and M.A. (Deaf Education) degrees from California State University, Northridge. Sheri is nationally well-known as a long-time strong and visible civil rights activist on numerous deaf-related issues concerning access and quality advocating for systematic changes locally, statewide, and nationally. Sheri, the CEO of NorCal Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing, a community based agency, since 1993, has served in an administrative capacity running non-profit community based organizations in California for over 26 years. She is nationally known for her leadership and advocacy for system reforms in the areas of education, employment, and telecommunications. She was recently awarded by the Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Inc for her outstanding leadership, commitment, and consensus-building skills as Chair of TDI's E9-1-1 Stakeholder Council, leading to interoperability of VRS for deaf and hard of hearing Americans, and by Deaf Hope for her groundbreaking work to enhance the quality of life for many. She was appointed by the Governor of California on Telecommunications Strategic Planning and Interoperability and as chair of the Deaf Education Coalition. Sheri served as an elected president of the California Association of the Deaf, board member, Telecommunications Administrative Deaf & Disabled Advisory Board (TADDAC) California Public Utilities Commission, and California Judicial Council Advisory Board/Sign Language Interpreters. One of Sheri's current foci is grassroots coalition work on education reform via early identification and regionalization of programs serving deaf children. Sheri is proud of her 2 children, Ryan and Alexandra, now in their teens.

The CSUN NCOD Gala, "Reaching for the Stars," will be on Saturday November 14th at 6:30 PM. The Gala includes a banquet, an awards program, and a De'VIA Deaf Arts Auction, with awesome auctioneers Marlee Matlin and Ed Waterstreet. Interpreters will ensure access for all Gala participants. CSUN students will serve as waiters. Manny Johnson, CSUN alumnus, will serve as the master of ceremonies. The event will be held at Northridge Center Complex, University Student Union at California State University, Northridge – 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA. All

proceeds will go to a scholarship fund for deaf and hard of hearing CSUN students. Tickets are on sale. Please visit www.csun.edu/ncod or email roz.rosen@csun.edu for more information.