

Philip Horn, who is retiring this month after 25 years as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) in Harrisburg, will be guest speaker at the Adams County Arts Council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary special event on Tuesday, March 13, at the Gettysburg Hotel, 1 Lincoln Square. Under his leadership the PCA has gained a reputation as a national leader among state arts agencies, developing regional partnerships and initiatives to form a robust statewide arts infrastructure through the decentralization of PCA grants, teaching artist residencies, and services through an engaged network of partner organizations.

Horn's leadership led to fundamental changes in how the PCA does business, and expanded the reach of state arts funding. Through implementation of a unique, streamlined grantmaking approach, the PCA doubled its number of grantees and expanded its service, enabling it to work closely with new applicants, guide new partnerships and initiatives, and provide expanded services. The PCA was named among government's top 50 Best and Brightest agencies in the Innovations in American Government Award, a national program of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

With the creation of the groundbreaking public/private partnership, Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour 1997-2014, PCA collaborated with major foundations like The Heinz Endowments and The Pew Charitable Trusts to form the first statewide partnership of Pennsylvania's major public/private funders in support of the arts. His innovative cultural tourism strategies have resulted in bringing such noteworthy events as the First National Performing Arts Convention to Pennsylvania. In 2013, he received the prestigious Sidney R. Yates Award for Outstanding Advocacy from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters.