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Legion of Honor Celebrates Community Leadership

Seattle Center Fund and Seattle Center Advisory Commission are pleased to recognize two outstanding community leaders at the Legion of Honor. The award recipients, Korynne and Jeffrey Wright, were honored for their extraordinary contributions at an award ceremony held on April 21 at Seattle Center.

The Legion of Honor, established in 1982 on the 20th anniversary of the Seattle World's Fair, recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly of their time and talent to develop and sustain Seattle Center as one of the region's leading cultural institutions and destinations. In 2004, another award was added, the Seattle Center Honors, for professionals who have demonstrated a similar level of commitment and dedication. The award ceremony happens on the 47th anniversary of the opening of the 1962 Seattle World's Fair.

This year's recipients have participated at Seattle Center in many ways:

Korynne Wright has been active in the Seattle Center community for many years. As Seattle Center Fund Board Member for eight years and Board President during the critical years of a capital campaign, Korynne focused on fundraising for free and affordable programming produced by Seattle Center, supporting efforts to make the programming accessible to all. She played an instrumental role as co-chair of the Marion Oliver McCaw Hall Capital Campaign in guiding the \$72 million capital project, and she served as co-chair of the Search Committee for a new Seattle Center Director.

Jeffrey Wright is a long-standing Seattle Center collaborator. As Chairman of the Board for the Space Needle Corporation, he has played an instrumental part in the long, productive and friendly relationship the Space Needle and Seattle Center have enjoyed. He co-chaired the Century 21 Committee, responsible for creating the Seattle Center Century 21 Master Plan, a strategic 20-year capital and programming plan to ensure the ongoing vitality of Seattle Center.

Past Legion of Honor recipients include: 1982 – J.D. "Dorm" Braman , Joseph E. Gandy, Harold S. Shefelman; 1983 – Edward E. Carlson, Warren G. Magnuson, Alfred R. Rochester; 1984 – Dorothy Bullitt, Ray L. Olsen, Walter W. Straley; 1985 –Norman Davis, David E. Skinner, William S. Street; 1986 – Marvin E. Burke, Jean Burch Falls, Ruth McCreery, James L Wilson, MD; 1987 –

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Robert J. Block, Muriel Mawer, Albert D. Rosellini; 1988 – Jacquetta Blanchett Freeman, Northwest Folklife Festival Volunteers, Roland Terry; 1989 – Anne Gould Hauberg, Mrs. Joseph Gandy, C. David Hughbanks; 1990 – Patricia Phelps, Sheffield Phelps, Clayton Young, FAIA; 1991 – Gordon S. Clinton, Robert B. Filley, Jr. , Dorothy L. Simpson; 1992 – Jane Carlson Williams, Howard S. Wright; 1993 – Donald J. Covey, Dr. Hans Lehmann, Jay Rockey; 1999 – Maria Batayola, Russ Goodman; 2004 – Donald L. Johnson, Bertha Landes (posthumous), Norman B. Rice, Bagley Wright; 2005 – John Buller, Faye Sarkowsky, Tazue & Yutaka Sasaki; 2006 – James R. Faulstich; 2007 August Wilson (posthumous), Jane Davis, John & Laurel Nesholm.

Seattle Center Honors: 2004 – Kent Stowell, Francia Russell; 2005 Peter Donnelly; 2006 – Virginia Anderson.

Seattle Center Fund was established in 1977 so that the community could support Seattle Center – through gifts to Seattle Center Fund, volunteer service or corporate support. Seattle Center Advisory Commission is a citizens committee appointed by the Mayor of Seattle to serve as advisors to the Center. For more information on the Legion of Honor and other Seattle Center Fund and Seattle Center activities, contact 206 684.7200 or visit www.seattlecenter.com (Seattle Center) or www.seattlecenter.org (Seattle Center Fund).

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