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BOOK-IT WINS A 2012 GOVERNOR'S ARTS AWARD

Company One of Three Arts Recipients in State

SEATTLE, WA Sept 23, 2012 — Book-It Repertory Theatre is proud to have been selected as one of three recipients of a 2012 Governor's Arts Award. The Governor's Arts and Heritage Awards have not been held for five years.

The other Arts Award recipients are Poet Lucia Perillo from Olympia and Artist Robert Maki from Kingston. Heritage Awards recipients are Bailadores de Bronce, Mexican Dance Troupe, Redmond; Heritage University, Toppenish; Johnny Moses, Native American Storyteller and Singer, Seattle; Maurice Rouman, Egyptian Oud Master, Everett.

All recipients will accept their 2012 Awards at a ceremony to be held on October 15, 2012 at the Governor's Mansion. Managing Director Charlotte Tiencken said, "We're so excited to be named by the Governor—it is hugely validating for us. Book-It has been working extremely hard for the last 23 years to fulfill its mission of 'transforming great literature into great theater and inspiring its audiences to read.' The recent growth we have experienced and the honors from our community and State mean so much to our founders, Jane Jones and Myra Platt, and the board and the staff."

Currently on stage at the company's main stage is a twice-extended and nearly sold-out run of *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. A recent grant from the Wallace Foundation via ArtsWA will allow the company to explore a new alternative series called Circumbendibus this fall. The Book-It Repertory Theatre education program is currently touring a story by Patricia Polocco (*Thank You, Mr. Falker*) and *Danger: Books!* (for its 14th year) to area schools and has plans for east-of-the-mountains expansion of current touring in the works. As Jane Jones recently exulted, "This is a really great time for Book-It!"

About Book-It Repertory Theatre

A leader in the narrative theatre movement, Book-It is a non-profit organization that since 1990 has dedicated itself to transforming great literature into exciting, quality theatre experiences. Through an aesthetic of simple and sensitive production techniques, the company endeavors to spark imagination and inspire audiences to read. Book-It Repertory Theatre is a 2010 Mayor's Arts Award-winner and recipient of a Founders Anniversary Grant from The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation. The company's prolific, flourishing education department reaches 70,000 young people annually.

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