

Recipient of the 2009 Governor's Awards for the Arts

Outstanding Arts Leadership & Service to Youth -- Caroline S. Nunan

Caroline Steinman Nunan, a member of the board of directors of Lancaster Newspapers, Inc. and Steinman Enterprises, and chairman of the James Hale Steinman Foundation, has made it a significant part of her life's work to champion the performing and visual arts in Lancaster County and to make them accessible to everyone, especially the young. A leading businesswoman, she has nurtured a wide variety of arts organizations with financial support, leadership, and with her time, vision, and energies.

An advocate for music education, she was instrumental in establishing a school for music in Lancaster. The Pennsylvania Academy of Music is said to have been "born" in her living room in 1989. It now provides a comprehensive music curriculum to students of all ages and in its first decade, enrollment grew from 50 to more than 400 students. Academy alumni have gone on to The Juilliard School, Eastman School of Music, and the New England Conservatory. Nunan is also a past board member of the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra and a significant donor to the Symphony.

Her generous donation of land adjacent to the Fulton Opera House allowed for the expansion and renovations of the historic theater is credited with having sparked an upsurge of arts in Lancaster County. The nationally-recognized renovation paved the way for the formation of a fully-professional theatre company at the Fulton, and for its award-winning *Youtheatre* program that provides programming for at-risk, disabled, and disadvantaged teens.

Nunan also helped found the Lancaster Summer Arts Festival, a summer free program of music, visual arts, and performances that has become a Lancaster institution. The festival features a popular childrens' series and the concluding Long's Park Patriotic Concert, featuring the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra, Civil War cannons, and fireworks, attracts tens of thousands of music lovers each summer.

She was honored with the Crispus Attucks Community Center's first "Legacy Award" which recognized her leadership support for its variety of cultural and educational programs for children and adults and her advocacy in promoting the Center as a site for the Summer Arts Festival, which led to the 2005 presentation of "Classical Music for Urban Kids" in the Center's auditorium, one of the most highly attended festival events that summer.

She was an original member of the Demuth Foundation, which preserves the legacy of Lancaster artist Charles Demuth. The James Hale and Frederick Steinman Foundations were instrumental in raising funds to purchase and renovate Demuth's home in Lancaster in time for the centennial of the artist's birth in 1983.

Mrs. Nunan's service to the arts has been recognized many times. In 1984 she was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania and cited as a leading benefactor of the arts. In May, 2003, she received the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters from Franklin & Marshall College in an historic occasion for the college as the only daughter of an honorary degree recipient to be honored similarly in her own right. In May of 2009, she received an honorary degree from the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design.

The President of Franklin & Marshall College described her as "one of Pennsylvania's most valuable cultural resources" and said "it is not an exaggeration to say she has been influential in shaping the modern cultural, educational, and environmental nature of the community in which her family has played such a major role.