

Ethnic Heritage Council

27th Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Friday, February 29, 2008

Nordic Heritage Museum

Special Honors to This Year's Award Winners

*The **Gordon Ekvall Tracie Memorial Award** is given to an ethnic performing artist who has made significant contributions to the development and presentation of the traditional arts in our community.*

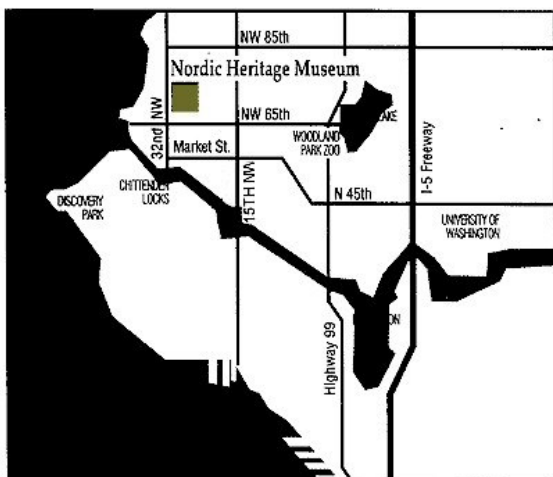
*This year we honor **Dr. Ratna Roy**, a highly accomplished artist and well-known figure in Seattle's Indian-American community. Dr. Ratna Roy has received numerous scholarships and awards and is a senior disciple of the Late Padmashri Guru Pankaj Charan Das and has written several articles on his "Mahari" (devadasi) legacy in classical Odissi dance, little known in its home country of India today. She has trained numerous dancers who have gone on to win national and international dance competitions as she is an expert in Odissi dance style. Dr. Ratna Roy is Artistic Director of Urvasi Dance Company which specializes in the Odissi Classical Dance form from India.*

*The **Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award** is given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community.*

*This year's award winner is **Leo Utter**, who has been a pillar of the Finnish community in the Puget Sound area for over 40 years. While pursuing a career in teaching, Leo was also deeply involved in all aspects of Finnish cultural life, and since retiring, even more so. Leo is a charter member of Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter, has served with honor in offices from member-at-large to president, continues today to head up the Finnish American Heritage Committee, is a lifelong dancer with the Tanhuajat Finnish Folk Dancers, is a member of the United Finnish Kaleva Brothers and Sisters Lodge, as well as countless other organizations, including the Nordic Heritage Museum.*

International Cuisine Catered by IKEA

For reservations please mail enclosed form to EHC, call 206-443-1410, fax 206-443-1408, or email ehc@seattle.gov. *Pre-paid reservations only.*



From I-5 Heading South Take North 85th St. Exit. Head West on 85th. Proceed about 3 ½ miles to 32nd Ave NW. Turn Left. Continue on 32nd Ave NW until you reach NW 68th Street. Turn Right. The Museum parking lot will be to the right.

From I-5 Heading North Take the NE 45th Street/University of Washington Exit. Stay in the left lane. Turn Left at the light onto NE 45th St. Continue on 45th St. which jogs into Midvale Place N., winds down the hill and becomes NW Market Street. Continue West on NW Market Street until you come to 32nd Ave. NW. Turn Right on 32nd Ave NW continue until you reach NW 68th. Turn Right on NW 68th. The entrance to the Museum Parking Lot is on the right.

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