

Cambodian American Heritage, Inc.
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Saroeum and Sam-Oeun Tes Honored By Cambodian Government

At the conclusion of its April 25, 2015 annual performance, Ms. Lam Pachapor, Charge D'Affairs of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia to the United States presented Mr. and Mrs. Tes with medals for their work in preserving Cambodian culture in the United States.

Known as the "Munisaraphand" Medal ("Thipadinda" class) the medal honors "philanthropists for moral virtue and meritorious achievements in preservation of national culture and tradition."

Founded in 1980, Cambodian American Heritage, Inc. (CAHI) celebrates its 35th year of continuous arts education and performance of the Cambodian traditional arts. In the greater Washington, DC area, the group has performed at The Kennedy Center, the Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress and numerous local festivals and events. It has also performed across the United States including festivals and events in Los Angeles, CA, Columbus, OH and New York City among others.

Mr. Tes is among the original founders of the organization and continues to serve as the organization's president.

Mme. Tes (artistic director) is a National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellow. Other participants in the program honored by the NEA include Master Chum Ngeek (music director) and Dr. Sam-Ang Sam and Chan Moly Sam.

Additional principals of the organization are Ms. Yim Devi Dos (dance director) a graduate of Cambodia's Royal University of Fine Arts and Mr. Sochietah Ung, teacher and costume designer.

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