

Gore, Marsalis receive Jim Henson Honors

Former Vice President Al Gore and jazz musician Wynton Marsalis were among those honored with 2006 Jim Henson Honors from the Jim Henson Co., the company announced this week.

The Jim Henson Celebration Honor, which goes to an individual, organization or product that makes the world a better place by inspiring people to celebrate life, was given to Gore for his “tireless efforts to educate audiences everywhere about the effects of global warming.”

Marsalis received the Community Honor for “using jazz music to celebrate New Orleans while honoring its rich heritage,” and for raising awareness and providing hope to those affect by Hurricane Katrina.

Animation writer and director Hayao Miyazaki received the Creativity Honor, and the Technology Honor went to Google Earth Internet Satellite and Map. The awards were established last year to acknowledge organizations, individuals or products that reflect the core values and philosophy of Jim Henson, and the company he founded. Henson, who created The Muppets, died in 1990.



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