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## **MID-ATLANTIC ARTS FOUNDATION SUPPORTS TIEN-HUICANI TOURING FOR 2005/06 SEASON**

[The Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation](#) (MAAF) has announced it will support 2005/06-season touring of **Tien-Huicani** (SRO Artists, Inc.). Arts presenters in Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and West Virginia may qualify for performance grants with the group.

According to Martha Dodson, Performing Arts & Leadership Development Program Officer at MAAF, "Funding for [2005/06 season] engagements of Tien-Huicani will be the lesser of 40% of the negotiated artist fee or \$2,400."

Tien-Huicani, which means "the singers" in the indigenous Indian language of Nahuatl, makes the beautiful *harpa jarocho*, or folk harp, the centerpiece of their music. Maestro, **Alberto de la Rosa**, is respected for his musicianship throughout Mexico and considered among the most outstanding folk harpists in the world. Under his direction, the group has mastered many types of Latin music.

The Mid-Atlantic tour of Tien-Huicani is funded, in part, by MAAF in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.

Contact Jeff Laramie by email, or call 608/664.8160, for information on fees, available dates, and possible funding.