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## **American Women in Radio and Television Honors Women in Local, Public and Student Markets**

### ***Kathryn Mishell, Honored With Gracie Award***

June, 2007 (Austin, TX) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) honored KMFA's own Kathryn Mishell for her work on *Into the Light* at the 2007 Gracie Awards Luncheon held at New York's historic Tavern on the Green June 19, 2007. For a complete listing of Gracie winners, visit [http://www.awrt.org/awards/gracie\\_allen.html](http://www.awrt.org/awards/gracie_allen.html). Acclaimed New York news anchor Roz Abrams hosted the event with special guests Liz, Monica and Sheila Dolan from ABC Radio Network's Satellite Sisters.

*Into the Light*, which recognizes the treasure trove of great works by women composers, is produced from the studios of KMFA and broadcast every Sunday evening at 9pm.

"Women from Fanny Mendelssohn to Joan Tower, and many who are virtually unknown have written significant music," says Mishell. "The purpose of *Into the Light* is to let people know that this music exists and is worthy of their attention. I am immensely proud that this program has been recognized nationally by the American Women in Radio and Television with a Gracie Award!"

KMFA's General Manager, Jack Allen says, "This is wonderful recognition for a producer whose personal commitment and zeal for this subject is unparalleled. And as a composer, Kathryn Mishell knows as well as anyone what it takes to succeed in a very intense and competitive music environment. Her historical perspective is perhaps the most significant in the U.S. This is a well-deserved award."

**About Classical 89.5, KMFA:** Classical 89.5 KMFA is a listener supported, community radio station – incorporated in 1967 - relying on 90% of its funding from direct listener and business contributions. A noncommercial, classical format station – KMFA features both local programming and nationally distributed programming from Public Radio International, American Public Media and Minnesota Public Radio. For more information on KMFA, visit [www.kmfa.org](http://www.kmfa.org)

**About The Foundation of AWRT:** The Foundation of AWRT is the philanthropic arm of American Women in Radio and Television, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Foundation of AWRT has created partnerships and joint-initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation of AWRT. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns including most recently *AWRT Empowering America* which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation of AWRT has adopted needy urban middle schools around the country and provided educational donations derived from collateral based on the *Empowering America* program. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs including the Gracie Allen Awards®, a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.

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