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**ELAINE WEISSMAN L.A. TREASURES AWARDS
RECIPIENTS FOR MARCH 2008**

The California Traditional Music Society (CTMS) and the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) are pleased to announce the "Elaine Weissman L.A. Treasures Awards" recipients for March, 2008.

This program supports folk and traditional performing and visual artists with \$1,000 in funds for two public performances, workshops or exhibits - one planned by the award recipient, another chosen by DCA and CTMS.

The Awards are named after Elaine Weissman, founder of CTMS and great promoter and supporter of folk and traditional arts, who passed away in 2005. An average of three L.A. Treasures Awards are given each month.

**Application deadlines are the first of each month through April 2008. Applications must arrive at the CTMS office no later than these dates. THE NEXT DEADLINE IS APRIL 1, 2008.

The awardees for this month are:

Mr. Michael Lampert

Art: blues mandolin

Ms. Ahila Gulasekaram

Art: South Indian dance

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The application and guidelines are available in PDF format at
www.ctmsfolkmusic.org/LATreasures.asp.

If you would like a hard copy sent to you, please call Lisa Richardson at 818-817-0094. Applicants must be folk and traditional individual artists or ensembles NOT affiliated with a nonprofit, and must be residents of L.A. County. Applicants' proposed projects (performance, workshop or exhibit) must be within the City of L.A. Current grantees of the City of L.A. Cultural Affairs Department are not eligible as applicants or as venues for applicant events. "L.A. Treasures" is part of the Traditional Arts Program at the California Traditional Music Society. This program provides support, develops activities, and acts as a resource for artists and organizations throughout the county. The program connects folk artists with resources through gatherings, workshops, an e-mail listserv, and funding opportunities. The program is funded by the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs.

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