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whose art career spans 60 years, was accompanied by actor James Earl Jones to receive the International Achievement Award. Jones was given the award in 1989. Mort Crim of WDIV-TV, master of ceremonies, referred to Fredericks and Jones as "two very classy gentlemen."

Among the sculptor's works are the "Spirit of Detroit" in front of the City County building as well as pieces at Oakland University in Rochester and in many communities, including Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Farmington, Rochester Hills and Southfield. Other sculptures by Fredericks are displayed around Michigan, the United States and abroad. He was knighted by the kings of Denmark and Norway.

"I'm a little bit overwhelmed in as much as I did not anticipate this honor until it happened," Fredericks said. "I want to thank those people who made it possible to receive it. It will . . . inspire me from now on."

"I believe an artist should be a part of his community as much as

possible. It's very necessary in one's life to aspire to more than the local scene . . . That's what I've tried to do with my work."

Louis Redstone, an artist and author, received the Civic Leader Award. He is founder and chairman of Redstone Architects Inc. of Southfield, which used to have offices in Livonia. Redstone is co-chair of Michigan Outdoor Sculpture IV, an exhibit taking place in Southfield every two years, and in 1980 was the impetus for the ongoing outdoor sculpture project at OUI.

He has made brick reliefs in buildings in Troy and West Bloomfield. People attending Thursday's ceremony could see a display of some of Redstone's paintings. Redstone is represented in permanent collections at the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills and the Long Beach Art Museum in California.

In his architectural career of more than 55 years, Redstone was one of the leading architects in suburban mall design in the 1960s. The Westland and original

Somerset malls were among those created by his firm. Redstone has lectured in the United States, Africa, Israel, Japan and South America.

Redstone spoke of the importance of art in all its forms, including architecture, in daily life. He thanked his wife Ruth and sons Daniel and Eitel for their love and support.

Jacobson Stores Inc., marking its 125th anniversary this year, was presented with the Business Honor Roll Award. It was accepted by Mark Rosenfeld, Jacobson chairman and CEO. The company has stores in Birmingham, Livonia and other communities, and helps a variety of cultural organizations, including the Livonia Symphony.

"(We) help people express their own individuality in how they dress, how they dress their homes," Rosenfeld said. "Arts play an important role in creating individual expression and for that reason we think it's very important to play a very active role in all our (communities) in developing

the arts."

Broad support

Governor John Engler distributed the awards and was keynote speaker for the evening.

"Partnerships between industry and the arts are a win-win strategy," Engler said.

Virginia Foster, who was given the Arts in Education Award, presented a carved pumpkin to Engler and compared it to the arts in school. The pumpkin came from the richness of the earth, was worked on by the hands of children and is filled with light, Foster explained.

The Governors' Arts Awards program was established by CCAM and former Governor James Blanchard. Other honorees this year were the Ann Arbor Art Association, Crooked Tree Arts Council of Petoskey and Michigan Youth Arts Festival, Arts Organization Awards; Naomi Long Madgett, Michigan Artist Award; and Lawrence DeVine of the Detroit Free Press, Media Honor Roll Award.



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Congratulations: Sculptor Marshall Fredericks of Birmingham (center) accepts the International Achievement Award from Gov. John Engler. Fredericks is accompanied on stage by actor James Earl Jones, who received the award four years ago.



Honored guests: Mark Rosenfeld, chairman and CEO of Jacobson Stores Inc. and his wife, JoAnne, share a laugh before the awards ceremony. Mark Rosenfeld accepted the Business Honor Roll Award for Jacobson Stores.

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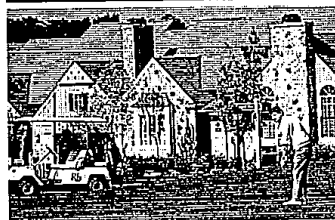
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