

## **NTID'S WARFIELD RECEIVES PEACEMAKING AWARD**

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. Feb. 23—Thomas Warfield, a faculty member in the Cultural and Creative Studies Department at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), recently received the Jennifer Patterson Koon Peacemaking Foundation Award at St. John Fisher College. The annual award, named in memory of Koon, who was murdered in 1993, recognizes community members for their dedication toward building a peaceful community and helping others.

Warfield, an accomplished dancer, singer, choreographer, and poet, is founder and director of PeaceArt International. He has produced concerts for many causes and also is a member/organizer for national and international groups, including the National Coalition Building Institute and Alternatives to Violence.

"This award is a reminder that there is peace in our lives right now; our only challenge is to be open to it and live the peace that we were born into," Warfield said when accepting the award from Koon's parents, who sponsor the ceremony.

NTID is the first and largest technological college in the world for deaf and hard-of-hearing students. NTID, one of eight colleges of RIT, offers educational programs and access and support services to its 1,100 students from around the world who study, live and socialize with 14,400 hearing students on RIT's Rochester, N.Y., campus.

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