

Inqlings | Museum chief wins a medal

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Art Museum chief **Anne d'Harnoncourt** the other night picked up the highest award Mexico bestows on non-nationals, the Order of the Aztec Eagle award.

> She got the medal from Mexican Ambassador **Arturo Sarukhan** at a D.C. ceremony attended by **Laura Bush**.

> D'Harnoncourt's relationship to Mexico is far deeper than the various Mexican art exhibitions at the Art Museum on her 25-year watch, including the **Frida Kahlo** show coming here in February.

> Turns out that **René d'Harnoncourt**, her father, lived in Mexico from 1925 to 1933. In 1930, he curated a show of Mexican art for the Met in New York, which exposed the East Coast elite to such artists as Kahlo and **Manuel Alvarez Bravo**.

> Don't expect d'Harnoncourt to flash her new bling. The medal may be worn only on state occasions. But it was accompanied by a rosette, and she says she expects to wear it for the Kahlo opening.

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TV/radio projects

Lots of locals turn up getting home makeovers on HGTV's *Decked for the Holidays* special, starting its run at 9 p.m. tomorrow. Among them: Common Pleas Court Judge **Renee Cardwell Hughes** and lawyer **Ken Topping**; **Katy Hawkins** and **Dan Peterson**; **Dana and Frank Durso**; **Matthew Giordano** and **Susan Lynn**; and **Colleen and Keith Kochanowicz**.

> Penn grad **Mikaelyn Austin's** documentary *The Palestra: Cathedral of Basketball*, which was shown on ESPN Classic over the summer, will start a run on Comcast SportsNet at 7 p.m. tomorrow.

> HBO Films' adaptation of Philly writer **Ken Kalfus'** thriller *Pu-239* - about a dying Russian nuclear-plant worker trying to sell stolen plutonium to support his family - is being shown on HBO. Kalfus' wife is Inquirer critic **Inga Saffron**.

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The circuit

CBS3's **Kathy Orr** will do her 6 p.m. weather hits tomorrow from Rittenhouse Square during the square's tree-lighting ceremony. CBS3's **Jim Donovan**, **Chris May**, **Angela Russell** and **Stephanie Stahl**, and "CW Crew" members **Justin Dugan**, **Ashley Harder**, **Kharisma McIlwaine**, **Sean Scott** and **Megan Stecher** will dole out hot chocolate and candy canes from 3 to 6 p.m. to mark the start of the CBS stations' annual Joy of Sharing toy campaign benefiting the Salvation Army.

> Performers **Hayden Panettiere** and **Ne-Yo** signed autographs Tuesday for customers at the McDonald's at Broad and Christian Streets who bought "Give a Hand" paper hands. The event coincided with World Children's Day sponsored by Ronald McDonald House Charities.

> Main Liners are giving **Mark Wahlberg** some peace. Dining Tuesday night with two men at Susanna Foo Gourmet Kitchen in Radnor, he was noticed, all right, but no one bugged him for an autograph. Wahlberg is shooting *The Lovely Bones*, whose release date has been pegged by DreamWorks

Paramount as - get this - March 13, 2009.

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