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**Terry Gross of *Fresh Air* to Receive Lifelong Learning Award  
at WHYY President's Dinner on May 2**

PHILADELPHIA, March 14, 2013 — WHYY will honor its own Terry Gross, host of *Fresh Air*, with its Lifelong Learning Award at the 12th annual WHYY President's Dinner on Thursday, May 2. The event takes place at WHYY's Dorrance H. Hamilton Public Media Commons and features a cocktail reception and elegant seated dinner, followed by a live ceremony before hundreds of CEOs, business and political leaders and many of WHYY's major donors.

The highlight of the gala is a live, on-stage interview with Gross by Scott Simon, NPR's Peabody Award-winning correspondent and host of *Weekend Edition Saturday*. Past honorees include Judy Woodruff of PBS NewsHour; Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell; former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge; and public broadcast journalists, Robert MacNeil and Jim Lehrer, Cokie Roberts, Charlie Rose, Gwen Ifill; and film director/producer Ken Burns; NPR's former *Morning Edition* anchor, Carl Kasell; and PBS's Tavis Smiley.

"Terry has been a vital part of WHYY for more than 30 years. Her interviews combine intelligence, curiosity, courage, and most of all, heart." said Bill Marrazzo, WHYY president and CEO. "It is an honor to recognize Terry for her distinguished career and unique contributions to public broadcasting."

Acclaimed radio interviewer and host of one of public radio's most popular programs, *Fresh Air*, Gross began her career in 1973 as a volunteer at a public radio station in Buffalo, New York. In 1975, she moved to WHYY-FM in Philadelphia to host and produce *Fresh Air*, a local interview program at the time. In 1985, WHYY-FM launched a weekly half-hour edition of *Fresh Air with Terry Gross*, which was distributed nationally by NPR. Since 1987, a daily, one-hour national edition of *Fresh Air* has been produced by WHYY-FM. Nearly 5 million people listen to the intimate conversations broadcast on *Fresh Air* weekly on more than 500 National Public Radio (NPR) stations across the country, as well as in Europe on the World Radio Network. *Fresh Air with Terry Gross* has received a number of awards, including the prestigious Peabody Award in 1994 for its "probing questions, revelatory interviews and unusual insight."

Presenting sponsor of this year's event is Brandywine Realty Trust. Welcome reception sponsors are M & T Bank and Wilmington Trust; award sponsor is Bank of America; and dinner sponsor, Aramark. For information about corporate sponsorship, program book advertisements, or to reserve tickets to the WHYY President's Dinner, contact Revah Anzaldua, WHYY manager of corporate affairs, at 215-928-2428 or



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