

# City of Angels Award



Frederick M. Nicholas

Frederick M. Nicholas is being recognized for his important achievements related to the arts. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), he actively promoted the project and saw it through its completion. He is currently Chairman of the Walt Disney Concert Hall Committee of The Music Center. The \$200-million Frank O. Gehry-designed Concert Hall, scheduled for completion in 1997, is being constructed at the direction of this Committee.

His involvement in the arts is extensive. He is a Member of the Los Angeles Task Force on Art, Governor of The Music Center of Los Angeles, and is a Trustee of several groups including the Dance Gallery of L.A., American Federation of the Arts, American Arts Alliance and Los Angeles Philharmonic Association.

Mr. Nicholas is President of The Hapsmith Company, a real estate development firm located in Beverly Hills. The firm has major interests in Northern and Southern California, Washington state and Washington, D.C. He is an attorney and a specialist in real estate law and development.

In addition to today's City of Angels Award, Mr. Nicholas has received numerous honors. He has received the Tribute Award from the L.A. County Music Center, Trustees' Awards from the California Institute of the Arts, and The Medici Award from the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce for "Outstanding Individual

Commitment to the Arts in Los Angeles and the Nation."

However, Fred Nicholas' accomplishments extend far beyond the field of arts. He is Founder and President of Public Counsel, a public interest law firm of the L.A. County Bar Association and Beverly Hills Bar Association, Member of the Executive Committee of Lawyers for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington D.C., Vice President and Director of the ACLU Foundation and former Commissioner of the California Broadcasting Commission.

Other awards include the UCLA Dean's Council Award from the University of California Los Angeles Graduate School of Architecture, Outstanding Founder in Philanthropy Award from the National Philanthropy Day Committee and Citizen of the Year Award from the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and Civic Association.

Mr. Nicholas served in the United States Army from 1941-1946. He attended the University of Southern California (USC) and received an A.B. in Journalism in 1947, then served as a Labor Correspondent in Honolulu for United Press International from 1947-1949. He attended the University of Chicago Law School in 1950-1951 and received a J.D. degree from USC Law School in 1952. Mr. Nicholas is a long-time resident of Beverly Hills, where he resides with his wife, Joan.