

Richard Erdman and the EastWest Institute

The EastWest Institute, founded in 1981, is the world's leading organization dedicated to transforming political, social and economic development in Eastern Europe, with offices in New York, Moscow, Prague and Brussels. The Institute recognizes the accomplishments of international leaders for their efforts to foster integration and peace in Europe.

The EastWest Institute commissioned artist **Richard Erdman** to create original bronze sculptures to present each year to the Institute's honorees at its annual awards dinner in New York City. The abstract sculpture symbolize the essence and mission of the Institute; Statesman of the Year, Global Leadership and Peacebuilding Awards. Past recipients include these distinguished leaders:

Statesman of the Year Award

- 2008 - **Secretary of State Henry Kissinger**, United States
- Secretary of State George Shultz**, United States
- Secretary of State Bill Perry**, United States
- Senator Sam Nunn**, United States
- 2005 - **Prime Minister Tony Blair**, Great Britain
Statesman of the Decade
- 2004 - **Foreign Minister Anna Lindh**, Sweden
- 2003 - **Secretary General Dr. Javier Solana**, European Union
- 2002 - **Prime Minister Jean Chretien**, Canada
- 2001 - **President Vojislav Kostunica**, Yugoslavia
- 2000 - **Foreign Minister George Papandreou**, Greece
- 1999 - **Chancellor Helmut Kohl**, Germany
Statesman of the Decade
- 1998 - **President Eduard Shevardnadze**, Georgia
- President Emil Constantinescu**, Romania
- 1997 - **President Roman Herzog**, Germany
- President Vaclav Havel**, Czech Republic
- 1996 - **President Algirdas Brazauskas**, Lithuania
- President Guntis Ulmanis**, Latvia
- President Lennart Meri**, Estonia
- 1995 - **President George H.W. Bush**, United States
- President Leonid Kuchma**, Ukraine



Prime Minister Tony Blair receiving the *Statesman* sculpture in 2005



Global Leadership Award

- 2008 - **Joseph E. Robert, Jr.**, Chairman, BENS
- 2005 - **Sanford I. Weill**, Chairman, Citigroup
- 2004 - **Finance Minister Alexei Leonidovich Kudrin**, Russia
- 2002 - **David Rockefeller**, Chase Manhattan Bank
- John C. Whitehead**, fmr. Deputy Secretary of State
- 2000 - **Bechtel Corporation**

Peacebuilding Award

- 2008 - **Dr. Mohammed ElBaradei**, Nobel Laureate, Director, IAEA
- 2006 - **Dr. Kathryn W. Davis**
- 2004 - **UN High Commissioner Sergio de Mello**
- 2003 - **Doraja Eberle**, Founder, Farmers Helping Farmers
- 2001 - **Carpathian Foundation & Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

