

Announcement of Nominations
3rd Annual Washington Area Theatre
Community Honors

THE WATCH AWARDS

Nominations Announced
January 19, 2003 – 8:00 pm
at The Birchmere, Alexandria, VA

Awards Ceremony
Sunday, March 2, 2003 – 7:00 pm
at The Birchmere, Alexandria, VA

Tickets \$12.50 at the Birchmere Box Office
or through Ticketmaster (plus service charge)

65 productions (16 musicals, 47 plays) were adjudicated in 2002.

Sixteen community theater companies participated in WATCH adjudication.

- The Arlington Players
- Castaways Repertory Theatre
- Dominion Stage
- Elden Street Players
- Great Falls Players
- Hard Bargain Players
- Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Montgomery Playhouse
- Prince William Little Theatre
- Port Tobacco Players
- Reston Community Players
- Rockville Little Theatre
- St. Mark's Players
- Silver Spring Stage
- Tapestry Theatre Company
- Vienna Theatre Company

And now for the Awards and Nominations...

In each of the twenty-eight categories, five nominees were selected based on the average scores of at least seven judges. In some categories, due to score ties, more than five nominees are announced. Nominations are provided in alphabetical order by nominee with the Award Recipient listed first in **“bold”**.

Awards and Nominations for outstanding technical achievements.

Outstanding Set Design (5)

–**Dennis Thrift, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players**

–Heather Bartlett, Bob Bartlett & Richard White, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–John Merritt, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players

–Frank Pasqualino, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Randolph Tusing, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Construction (7)

–**John Merritt and Julianna Bogdan, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players**

–Thomas Hannon, *My Three Angels*, Castaways Repertory Theatre

–John Painter, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Port Tobacco Players

–Frank Pasqualino, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Jerry Wolf, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Martin Ziner, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

–Martin Ziner, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Painting (5)

–**John Merritt and Julianna Bogdan, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players**

–Buffy Mechling, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Grant Kevin Lane, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Jeff Merritt and John Merritt, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–The Set Painting Crew, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Decoration and Set Dressing (5)

–**Liz Theobalds, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players**

–Heather Bartlett, Karen Kleyle, and John Merritt, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Port Tobacco Players

–Karen Kleyle and Heather Bartlett, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players

–Bea & Jerry Morse, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Reston Community Players

–MYKE, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Properties (5)

–Liz Theobalds, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

–Hope Berschler and John Downing, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Karen Kleyle, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–Karen Kleyle and Heather Bartlett, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players

–Art Snow and Margaret Aiken, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Lighting Design (5)

–Ken & Patti Crowley, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Jeffrey Scott Auerbach, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players

–Andrew Eastman, *The Woman in Black*, Montgomery Playhouse

–Melanie G. Evans, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

–B. Keith Ryder, *Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players

Outstanding Sound Design (5)

–Nick Sampson, *The Woman in Black*, Montgomery Playhouse

–Keith Bell, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–John Carnes-Stine & Brad Carnes-Stine, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players

–Brian Donohue, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players

–Brian Donohue, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Costume Design (5)

–Farrell Hartigan, *1776*, Reston Community Players

–Richard "Bat" Battistelli, *Gigi*, Vienna Theatre Company

–Cathy Compton and Pat Brennan, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

–Grant Kevin Lane and Irene Molnar, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Mary McKeithen, *The Lion in Winter*, Silver Spring Stage

Outstanding Makeup Design (5)

–Sarah Sandy, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

–Rick Hayes and Catherine J. Young, *Into the Woods*, St. Mark's Players

–Anne Kinkella, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Amanda Rushing, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Bette Williams, *1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding Hair Design (5)

–**Bette Williams, *1776*, Reston Community Players**

- Julie Eddinger, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Rick Hayes and Catherine J. Young, *Into the Woods*, St. Mark's Players
- Sheila R. Hyman, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players
- Anne Kinkella, *Sylvia*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Bette Williams, *The Heiress*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Special Effects (7)

– **Craig Hower, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players**

- Mark Cefaly, *We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!*, Rockville Little Theatre
- Ken & Patti Crowley, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Ken & Patti Crowley, *Victor / Victoria*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Robbie Henshaw, *The Comedy of Errors*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Hillary Ray and Christopher Robin, *The Three Penny Opera*, Elden Street Players
- Les Zidel, *Same Time Next Year*, Vienna Theatre Company

Awards and nominations for outstanding performances by an actor or actress.

Outstanding cameo in a musical (7)

–**Juan Rodriguez as “Headwaiter”, *She Loves Me*, Dominion Stage**

- Robbie Graham as “Mr. Bernstein”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players
- Steve Keene as “Skip Snip”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players
- Tom Kopko as “Customer #1”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players
- Tom Kopko as “Patrick Martin”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players
- Keith Mervine as “Wino #1”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players
- Juan Rodriguez as “Paul”, *She Loves Me*, Dominion Stage

Outstanding cameo in a play (6)

–**Connie Stuart as “Olga”, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players**

- Ted Ballard as “Harry Pepper”, *Barefoot in the Park*, Prince William Little Theatre
- Jane Squier Bruns as “Woman in Black”, *The Woman in Black*, Montgomery Playhouse
- Travis J. Martz as “Stanley”, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players
- Pat McConkey as “Gay Wellington”, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players
- Claire Myles as “Olga”, *You Can't Take it With You*, St. Mark's Players

Outstanding featured actor in a musical (6)

–Don Neal as “Benjamin Franklin”, *1776*, Reston Community Players

–Mike Baker, Jr. as “Honoris LaChailles”, *Gigi*, Vienna Theatre Company

–Duane Monahan as “Silent Sam”, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Tony Simione as “Willie the Shill”, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Jay Tilley as “Richard Henry Lee”, *1776*, Reston Community Players

–Bruce Ward as “Thomas Jefferson”, *1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding featured actress in a musical (5)

–Jill Vohr as “Norma Cassidy”, *Victor / Victoria*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Joan Durante as “Aunt Alicia”, *Gigi*, Vienna Theatre Company

–Jennifer Green as “Miss Adelaide”, *Guys & Dolls*, Montgomery Playhouse

–Allison Gendusa Kennedy as “Penelope Martyn”, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Linda Ray as “Mrs. Potter”, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding lead actor in a musical (5)

TIE

–Michael Joseph-Vito Piepoli as “Seymour”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–Robert Hall, Jr as “Henry W. Schlemmer”, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Christopher Gerken as “Gaston LaChailles”, *Gigi*, Vienna Theatre Company

–Ryan Khatcheressian as “Henry Jekyll”, *Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players

–Mick Tinder as “John Adams”, *1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding lead actress in a musical (5)

–Kathleen Gallagher as “Princess Winnifred”, *Once Upon a Mattress*, Montgomery Playhouse

–Carmel Ferrer as “Lucy Harris”, *Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players

–Marina Sanchez as “Audrey”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–Laurie Saylor as “The Girl”, *The Fantasticks*, Reston Community Players

–Jill Vohr as “Witch”, *Into the Woods*, St. Mark's Players

Outstanding featured actor in a play (5)

–Glen Hochkeppel as “Tom/Phyllis/Leslie”, *Sylvia*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

- Bill Brock as “Gary Peter Lefkowitz”, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Jake Call as “Happy Loman”, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players
- Michael Reichgott as “Joseph”, *My Three Angels*, Castaways Repertory Theatre
- Jeffrey S. E. Sculley as “Biff Loman”, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players

Outstanding featured actress in a play (5)

–Lisa Bailey as “Maggie”, *The Shadow Box*, Elden Street Players

- Suzanne L. Fehl as “Stella Kowalski”, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Port Tobacco Players
- Erin Gahan as “Essie”, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players
- Sally Kalmus as “Linda Loman”, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players
- Michelle Oxley as “Agnes”, *The Shadow Box*, Elden Street Players

Outstanding lead actor in a play (5)

–Marshall Henderson as “John Barrymore”, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

- Jeff Breslow as “Actor”, *The Woman in Black*, Montgomery Playhouse
- Steven R. Escobar as “Giovanni”, *We Won't Pay! We Won't Pay!*, Rockville Little Theatre
- Donald Neal as “Willy Loman”, *Death of a Salesman*, The Arlington Players
- Gordon O'Neill as “Martin Vanderhof”, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding lead actress in a play (5)

TIE

–Amy Miharu Hough as “Sylvia”, *Sylvia*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Nicole Mestres McDonald as “Maria Callas”, *Master Class*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

- Mavis Brantley Lloyd as “Penelope Sycamore”, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players
- Nancy Murray as “Blanche Dubois”, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Silver Spring Stage
- Karen Jadlo Shotts as “Catherine Sloper”, *The Heiress*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Awards and nominations for outstanding achievement in overall production.

Outstanding Stage Combat Choreography (5)

TIE

–Marshall Henderson, Michael Sherman & Frank Shutts, II, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Steve Lada, Chuck Martin & Al Myska, *Romeo and Juliet*, Elden Street Players

–Adam Konowe, *The Comedy of Errors*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Al Myska, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Reston Community Players

–Kevin Robertson, *The Fantasticks*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding Choreography (5)

–Christopher Dykton, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Elaine Topodas, *1776*, Reston Community Players

–Randy Tusing, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–Lorri Shealy Unumb, *HMS Pinafore*, The Arlington Players

–Patti Woolsey, *The Curate Shakespeare As you Like It*, Montgomery Playhouse

Outstanding Musical Direction (5)

–David Rohde, *Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players

–Jon Bender and William D. Parker, *1776*, Reston Community Players

–Gary C. Mead, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Cheryl Reckeweg, Michael K. Santana & Therese Thiedeman, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–Herb Tax, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, Prince William Little Theatre

Outstanding Direction of a Musical (5)

–Christopher Dykton, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Bob Bartlett, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

–Terri Caretti, *The Fantasticks*, Reston Community Players

–Gloria DuGan, *Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players

–Sue Pinkman, *1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding Direction of a Play (6)

–Jim Carpenter, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

–Adriana Hardy, *Master Class*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Holly Harrington, *The Shadow Box*, Elden Street Players

–C. Evans Kirk, *Sylvia*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Frank D. Shutts II, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

–Randolph Tusing, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Musical (5)

–*The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

- The Fantasticks*, Reston Community Players
- Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players
- Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players
- 1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding Play (6)

TIE

–*Master Class*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
–*You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

- I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria
- The Shadow Box*, Elden Street Players
- A Streetcar Named Desire*, Port Tobacco Players
- Sylvia*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Congratulations to all of the award recipients and nominees!

The WATCH Board is very excited by the result of this year's awards and are already looking forward to the award presentation next year here at The Birchmere. The awards will be posted on the WATCH Website by Monday morning.

<http://www.washingtontheater.org>

In 2003, 81 shows are scheduled for adjudication across the nineteen participating WATCH member companies.

- American Music Stage
- The Arlington Players
- Castaways Repertory Theatre
- Dominion Stage
- Elden Street Players
- Hard Bargain Players
- Kensington Arts Theatre
- Little Theatre of Alexandria
- Montgomery Playhouse
- Port City Playhouse
- Port Tobacco Players
- Prince William Little Theatre
- Reston Community Players
- Rockville Little Theatre
- St. Mark's Players
- Silver Spring Stage
- Springfield Community Theatre
- Tapestry Theatre Company
- Vienna Theatre Company

Award Breakdown by Theatre Company.

The Arlington Players

Outstanding Musical Direction

–David Rohde, *Jekyll & Hyde*, The Arlington Players

Dominion Stage

Outstanding cameo in a musical

–Juan Rodriguez as “Headwaiter”, *She Loves Me*, Dominion Stage

Elden Street Players

Outstanding featured actress in a play

–Lisa Bailey as “Maggie”, *The Shadow Box*, Elden Street Players

Outstanding Stage Combat Choreography

–Steve Lada, Chuck Martin & Al Myska, *Romeo and Juliet*, Elden Street Players

Outstanding Play

Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Lighting Design

–Ken & Patti Crowley, *I Hate Hamlet*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding featured actress in a musical

–Jill Vohr as “Norma Cassidy”, *Victor / Victoria*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding lead actor in a musical

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Outstanding featured actor in a play

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Outstanding Choreography

–Christopher Dykton, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Direction of a Musical

–Christopher Dykton, *The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Play

–*Master Class*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Outstanding Musical

–*The Cocoanuts*, Little Theatre of Alexandria

Montgomery Playhouse

Outstanding Sound Design

–Nick Sampson, *The Woman in Black*, Montgomery Playhouse

Outstanding lead actress in a musical

–Kathleen Gallagher as “Princess Winnifred”, *Once Upon a Mattress*, Montgomery Playhouse

Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Design

–Dennis Thrift, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Construction

–John Merritt and Julianna Bogdan, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Painting

–John Merritt and Julianna Bogdan, *All My Sons*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Set Decoration and Set Dressing

–Liz Theobalds, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Properties

–Liz Theobalds, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Makeup Design

–Sarah Sandy, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Special Effects

– Craig Hower, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding lead actor in a musical

–Michael Joseph-Vito Piepoli as “Seymour”, *Little Shop of Horrors*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding cameo in a play

–Connie Stuart as “Olga”, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Direction of a Play

–Jim Carpenter, *You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Outstanding Play

–*You Can't Take It With You*, Port Tobacco Players

Reston Community Players

Outstanding Costume Design

–Farrell Hartigan, *1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding Hair Design

–Bette Williams, *1776*, Reston Community Players

Outstanding featured actor in a musical

–Don Neal as “Benjamin Franklin”, *1776*, Reston Community Players