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STAGES ST. LOUIS AWARDED 22 KEVIN KLINE AWARD NOMINATIONS!

(St. Louis, MO) - STAGES ST. LOUIS was recognized today as the top musical theatre in St. Louis by the judges of the 3rd annual Kevin Kline Awards. Receiving 22 nominations for all four of its productions, STAGES was the second-highest recipient of total nominations and the highest recipient of nominations for a musical theatre company.

Highlights include ten nominations for *The Full Monty*, the most for any production; nominations for all three mainstage shows, *A Little Night Music*, *The Full Monty*, and *Crazy For You*, in the category of "Outstanding Production of A Musical;" and a nomination for *Snoopy!!!* in the category of "Outstanding Production for Young Audiences." STAGES actors also claimed 3 of the 5 nominations in the category of "Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical."

STAGES ST. LOUIS Artistic Director Michael Hamilton received two nominations for his direction of *The Full Monty* and *Crazy For You*, while STAGES Managing Director Ron Gibbs was recognized for his direction of *Closer Than Ever* at Avalon Theatre Company.

A complete list of STAGES nominations includes:

A Little Night Music

Outstanding Production of a Musical
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical – **Kari Ely**
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical – **Julie Foldesi**
Outstanding Costume Design – **Dorothy Marshall Englis**
Outstanding Lighting Design – **Matthew McCarthy**

The Full Monty

Outstanding Production of a Musical
Outstanding Director of a Musical – **Michael Hamilton**
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical – **Michael Halling, Nicholas Kohn**
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical – **Zachary Halley, Matthew Skrincosky, and Keith Tyrone**
Outstanding Musical Direction – **Lisa Campbell Albert**
Outstanding Choreography – **Stephen Bourneuf**
Outstanding Ensemble in a Musical

Crazy For You

Outstanding Production of a Musical
Outstanding Director of a Musical – **Michael Hamilton**
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical – **David Elder**
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical – **Julie Tolivar**
Outstanding Choreography – **Gayle Holsman**
Outstanding Ensemble in a Musical

Snoopy!!!

Outstanding Production for Young Audiences

Twenty-four St. Louis theatre companies and 45 productions now share 118 nominations in 22 categories for the third Annual Kevin Kline Awards. The 2008 nominees were announced on the "Cityscape" radio program on KWMU on Friday, January 25. The 3rd Annual Kevin Kline Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, March 31 at the Loretto-Hilton Center in Webster Groves, MO.

The recipient of the 2008 Excellence in Arts Award from the Arts & Education Council, STAGES ST. LOUIS was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theatre, combining the disciplines of music, dance and drama. STAGES currently presents 124 performances from May through October to more than 48,000 patrons and provides the most employment for local performers with over 450 St. Louis union actor work weeks logged annually. STAGES also provides performing arts educational opportunities to the community, serving students both at the STAGES Performing Arts Academy in Chesterfield and through numerous outreach programs.

The 2008 Season at STAGES will feature *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (May 30 – June 29), *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (July 18 – August 17), Disney's *The Jungle Book* (August 6 – 17), and *The Music Man* (September 5 – October 5). Season subscriptions begin at just \$88 and are now on sale. Single tickets will be available Monday, March 31.

For more information call 314.821.2407 or go online to www.stagesstlouis.org.

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