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STAGES ST. LOUIS HONORED WITH EIGHT KEVIN KLINE AWARDS

(St. Louis, MO) – STAGES ST. LOUIS was honored yesterday with eight Kevin Kline Awards, making it the recipient of the most awards for any local theatre company during the third annual awards gala. STAGES received awards for all four of its 2007 productions, with wins in six of the seven categories honoring musical theatre and highest honors for ***The Full Monty*** as “Outstanding Production of a Musical.”

STAGES recipients included:

- ***The Full Monty*** for “Outstanding Production of a Musical”
- Michael Hamilton as “Outstanding Director of a Musical” for ***The Full Monty***
- Keith Tyrone as “Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical” for his role as Noah T. “Horse” Simmons in ***The Full Monty***
- David Elder as “Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical” for his role as Bobby Child in ***Crazy For You***
- Julie Tolivar as “Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical” for her role as Polly Baker in ***Crazy For You***
- The cast of ***Crazy For You*** as “Outstanding Ensemble in a Musical”
- Dorothy Marshall Englis for “Outstanding Costume Design” for ***A Little Night Music***
- ***Snoopy!!!*** for “Outstanding Production for Young Audiences”

The third annual gala ceremony was held yesterday at the Loretto-Hilton Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Webster University, and was hosted by former Broadway star and Tony Award nominee Lara Teeter. Notable attendees included Tony Award winning Broadway choreographer and director Jerry Mitchell, renowned local artist Mary Engelbreit, director Rob Ruggiero, and numerous other members of the national and local theatre community.

Recognizing outstanding achievement in professional theatre in the greater St. Louis Area, the Kevin Kline Awards are held annually to honor theatre artists and productions. In 2008, 24 theatre companies and 45 productions received 118 nominations in 22 different categories. Receiving 22 nominations in 12 categories, STAGES was the second-highest recipient of total nominations this year and the highest recipient of nominations for a musical theatre company.

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. 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 is also firmly committed to the employment and development of St. Louis artists and, through numerous education and outreach programs, enriching the cultural milieu of our community. The mission of STAGES ST. LOUIS is to become the leading company for musical theatre performance and education in the Midwest.

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 and single tickets are now on sale.

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

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