



2002 Craig Noel Award Winners

On Jan. 27, 2003, the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle hosted its first Craig Noel Awards for Excellence in Theatre, honoring the top achievements in San Diego theater in 2002.

To celebrate the renaming of the awards in honor of **Craig Noel**, longtime artistic director of the Old Globe Theatre, the evening opened with a star-studded tribute to Craig, who sat center stage during the festivities and personally handed out all of the plaques that evening.

Among the speakers who shared personal stories and anecdotes about Craig's career were Carnell Kirkeeng, one of Craig's fellow actors from the 1940s; Old Globe staffers, past and present, Jim Mulvaney and Delza Martin; Critics Circle founder and San Diego historian Welton Jones; actors who've been directed by Craig over the years, Jonathan McMurtry and Priscilla Allen; and directors who he has mentored, James Saba and Jason Connors. Even Old Globe artistic director Jack O'Brien, who was unable to attend because he was in London, delivered a touching tribute to Craig via videotape.

Following the tribute, more than 50 awards were handed out in 20 categories:

Production

Pericles, Old Globe Theatre

Travesties, North Coast Repertory Theatre

Wintertime, La Jolla Playhouse



Resident Musical

Ragtime, Moonlight Stage Productions

1776, Lamb's Players Theatre

Special Event

Peter and Wendy, La Jolla Playhouse

Seven Weeks of Greeks, Linda Castro & David S. Cohen

New Play

Nora Ephron, *Imaginary Friends*, Old Globe Theatre

Charles L. Mee, *Wintertime*, La Jolla Playhouse

Direction

Rosina Reynolds, *The Caretaker*, Renaissance Theatre Company

Darko Tresnjak, *Pericles*, Old Globe Theatre

Les Waters, *Wintertime*, La Jolla Playhouse



Performance, Female

Ivonne Coll, *Adoration of the Old Woman*, La Jolla Playhouse

Cherry Jones, *Imaginary Friends*, Old Globe Theatre

Robin Pearson Rose, *All My Sons*, Old Globe Theatre

Performance, Male

Ron Choularton, *The Caretaker*, Renaissance Theatre Company

Robert Petkoff, *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, Old Globe Theatre

Featured Performance, Male

Bryan Bevell, *The Caretaker*, Renaissance Theatre Company

John Getz, *Tartuffe*, La Jolla Playhouse

Bruce McKenzie, *Wintertime*, La Jolla Playhouse

Featured Performance, Female

Anna Belknap, *Pericles*, Old Globe Theatre



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K.B. Mercer, *Fifth of July*, Diversionary Theatre

Performance in a Musical

Eric Anderson, *Ragtime*, Moonlight Stage Productions

Tom Stephenson, *1776*, Lamb's Players Theatre

Solo Performance

Karen Kandel, *Peter and Wendy*, La Jolla Playhouse

Ensemble

Pericles, Old Globe Theatre

Travesties, North Coast Repertory Theatre

Wintertime, La Jolla Playhouse

Choreography

Jean Isaacs, *Wintertime*, La Jolla Playhouse

Jerry Mitchell, *Imaginary Friends*, Old Globe Theatre



Touring Production

The Full Monty, Broadway/San Diego & director Jack O'Brien

Set Design

Robin Sanford Roberts, *Betrayal*, Old Globe Theatre

Annie Smart, *Wintertime*, La Jolla Playhouse

Michael Yeargan, *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, Old Globe Theatre

Sound Design

Matthew Spiro, *Wintertime*, La Jolla Playhouse

Lighting Design

David Lee Cuthbert, *A Knife in the Heart*, Sledgehammer Theatre

Mike Durst, *Never the Sinner*, Diversionary Theatre

York Kennedy, *Pericles*, Old Globe Theatre

Costume Design



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Jess Goldstein, *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, Old Globe Theatre

Linda Cho, *Pericles*, Old Globe Theatre

Lyrics

Craig Carnelia, *Imaginary Friends*, Old Globe Theatre

Original Music

Johnny Cunningham, *Peter and Wendy*, La Jolla Playhouse

Gina Leishman, *Feast of Fools*, La Jolla Playhouse