



2008 AWARDS

On Jan. 26, 2009, the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle presented the seventh annual Craig Noel Awards for Theatrical Excellence, honoring the outstanding achievements on San Diego stages in 2008.

SPECIAL AWARDS:

- Tribute to Arthur Wagner, founder of the Department of Theatre and Dance at UC San Diego, La Jolla Playhouse pioneer and longtime local arts philanthropist.
- Actor Jonathan McMurtry, 48-year veteran of the Old Globe — lifetime achievement award.
- Steve Karo, led restoration effort for the Balboa Theatre.

Dramatic Production:

“Fences,” Cygnet Theatre

Outstanding New Musical:

“Memphis,” La Jolla Playhouse

Resident musical:

“Dreamgirls,” San Diego Musical Theatre

“Xanadu,” La Jolla Playhouse



Touring Production:

“Spring Awakening,” Broadway/San Diego producers

New Play:

Steven Drukman, “In This Corner,” Old Globe Theatre

Direction of a Musical:

Steve Glaudini, “Les Miserables,” Moonlight Stage Productions

Sean Murray, “A Little Night Music,” Cygnet’s Old Town Theatre

Direction of a Play:

Delicia Turner Sonnenberg, “Fences,” Cygnet Theatre

Orchestrations for a Musical

Larry Hochman, “Dancing in the Dark,” The Old Globe

Lead Performance in a Musical, Female:

Deborah Gilmour Smyth, “Light in the Piazza,” Lamb’s Players Theatre



Lead Performance in a Musical, Male:

Chad Kimball, "Memphis," La Jolla Playhouse

Featured Performance in a Musical, Male:

Tony Houck, "Scrooge in Rouge," Diversionary Theatre

Patrick Page, "Dancing in the Dark," The Old Globe

Tonex, "Dreamgirls," San Diego Musical Theatre & "The Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea," San Diego Repertory Theatre

Featured Performance in a Musical, Female:

Lillias White, "The Princess and the Black-Eyed Pea," San Diego Repertory Theatre

Choreography:

Bill T. Jones, "The Seven," La Jolla Playhouse

Sound Design:



Tim Boyce, "A Streetcar Named Desire," Ion Theatre

Costume Design:

Jennifer Brawn Gittings, "Scrooge in Rouge," Diversionary Theatre

Anna Oliver, "The Women," Old Globe

Lighting Design:

David Lander, "33 Variations," La Jolla Playhouse

Set Design:

Derek McLane, "33 Variations," La Jolla Playhouse

Ensemble:

"Fences," Cygnet Theatre

Featured Performance in a Play, Female:

Jo Anne Glover, "The Receptionist," Cygnet Theatre

Rachael VanWormer, "Bash," Ion Theatre; "Corpus Christi," Diversionary Theatre



Featured Performance in a Play, Male:

Manny Fernandes, "Golden Boy," New Village Arts Theatre

Bobby Plasencia, "Water & Power," San Diego Repertory Theatre

Lead Performance in a Play, Male:

Antonio T.J. Johnson, "Fences," Cygnet Theatre

Tom Andrew, body of work in 2008 ("Terra Nova," "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play," "Night Sky")

Lead Performance in a Play, Female:

Sylvia M'Lafi Thompson, "Fences," Cygnet Theatre

Amanda Sitton, "Golden Boy," New Village Arts Theatre

Solo Performance

Linda Libby, "Request Programme," Ion Theatre

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