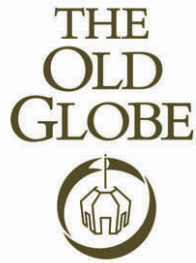


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NEW PROGRAM AT OLD GLOBE TO REWARD HIGH SCHOOL AGED ACTORS IN MUSICAL THEATRE WITH GLOBE HONORS

San Diego – Lou Spisto, Executive Producer of the Tony Award®-winning Old Globe, is pleased to announce a new awards program for High School students in San Diego County, **Globe Honors**. This new program honors and **rewards excellence in high school musical theatre performance**, and includes a competition amongst the accepted students. Among other awards, **winners of the competition may be eligible to compete in the National High School Musical Theatre Awards in New York City in June, 2009.**

“Globe Honors offers an exciting opportunity for high school students in musical theatre to take part in a challenging theatre program and nationwide competition,” said Old Globe Executive Producer Louis G. Spisto, “We are proud to offer aspiring actors a chance to work at the Globe and pursue their dreams.”

Students currently in grades 9–12, who performed the Lead role in their high school’s 2008–09 musical production, and also earned a 3.0 or higher grade point average, are eligible to compete in the 2009 program. They must be available for National High School Musical Theatre Awards event scheduled for June 25 – June 30, 2009. **If selected for the National competition, winners will travel All Expenses Paid to NY for the competition.** Open Call is April 11, semi-finalist group meeting (if selected) is April 18 and the Semi and Finals competition will be presented on stage at The Old Globe, **April 25, 2009 at 7:30pm. Tickets for this event are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and children.** Those interested in auditioning may email: GlobeLearning@TheOldGlobe.org, Globe Honors will be expanded in 2010 to include other award categories.

For more information on The Old Globe’s Education Programs, please visit www.TheOldGlobe.org and click on the Education Link.

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The internationally-acclaimed, Tony Award®-winning Old Globe is one of the most renowned regional theatres in the country and has stood as San Diego’s flagship arts institution for 72 years. The Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 plays and musicals on its three stages, including its highly-regarded Shakespeare festival. The Globe has become a gathering place for leading theatre artists from around the world, such as Tom Stoppard, Daniel Sullivan and Chita Rivera, among many others. Numerous Broadway-bound premieres and revivals, such as Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, The Full Monty and Damn Yankees, have been developed at The Old Globe and have gone on to enjoy highly successful runs in New York and at regional theatres across the country.

Highlights of the Globe’s 2008/09 Season include the revival of Clare Boothe Luce’s The Women, the world premiere of Itamar Moses’ new play Back Back Back, John Guare’s Six Degrees of Separation, the musical Working, with new songs by Lin-Manuel Miranda, and the world premiere of Cornelia. Under the leadership of Executive Producer Louis G. Spisto and Resident Artistic Director Darko Tresnjak, the Globe is at the forefront of the nation’s leading performing arts organizations, setting a standard for excellence in American theatre.