Jeff nominations for 2005

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The Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee announced 130 nominations in 26 categories Monday for the 2005 Chicago theater awards, selected from 120 Equity productions judged during the 2004-05 season.

Winners will be announced at the 37th awards ceremony Nov. 7 at Drury Lane Theatre Water Tower Place.

Marriott Theatrein Lincolnshire received the largest number of nominations: 22 for three productions. The closest competitor was Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, with 13 nominations. Steppenwolf Theatre received 11.

A list of north suburban nominees follows.

Best Production: Musical "Beauty and the Beast," Marriott "Sunset Boulevard," Marriott Best Ensemble "Lookingglass Alice," Lookingglass and Actors Gymnasium "Omnium Gatherum," Next "Swing!" Marriott Best New Work Mia McCullough, "Since Africa," Chicago Dramatists Bruce Norris, "The Pain and the Itch," Steppenwolf Theatre Best Director: Play Kate Buckley, "To the Green Fields Beyond," Writers' Theatre Jason Loewith, "Omnium Gatherum," Next Theatre Company Best Director: Musical Joe Leonardo, "Sunset Boulevard," Marriott Dominic Missimi, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Marriott Marc Robin, "Beauty and the Beast," Marriott Best Director: Revue Marc Robin, "Swing!" Marriott Best Actor in a Principal Role: Musical Guy Adkins, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Marriott Sean Allan Krill, "Brigadoon," Marriott Aaron Serotsky, "The Immigrant," Northlight Theatre and Arizona Theatre Company Best Actress in a Principal Role: Play Charin Alvarez, "Two Sisters and a Piano," Apple Tree Theatre and Teatro Vista Best Actress in a Principal Role: Musical Johanna McKenzie Miller, "Beauty and the Beast," Marriott Paula Scrofano, "Sunset Boulevard," Marriott Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Musical Sean Fortunato, "Brigadoon," Marriott Bernie Yvon, Beauty and the Beast, Marriott Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Musical Cristen Paige, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Marriott Best Actor in a Revue Gregory Porter, "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues," Northlight Theatre "Mississippi" Charles Bevel, "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues," Northlight Theatre Best Choreography Randy Duncan, "Hello Again," Apple Tree Theatre Mark Stuart Eckstein, Beverly Durand and Marc Robin, "Swing!" Marriott Ron Hutchins, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," Marriott Marc Robin, "Beauty and the Beast," Marriott Scenic Design Keith Pitts, "Vincent in Brixton," Apple Tree Theatre Costume Design Mara Blumenfeld, "Lookingglass Alice," Lookingglass Theatre Company and Actors Gymnasium

Nancy Missimi, "Beauty and the Beast," Marriott Best Sound Design Andy Brommel and Andre Pluess, "The Love Song of J. Robert Oppenheimer," Next Theatre Company Andre Pluess and Ben Sussman, "Red Herring," Northlight Theatre Best Lighting Design Chris Binder, "Lookingglass Alice," Lookingglass Theatre Company and Actors Gymnasium Diane Ferry Williams, "Beauty and the Beast," Marriott Diane Ferry Williams, "Sunset Boulevard," Marriott Best Musical Direction Joel Hoekstra, "It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues," Northlight Theatre Doug Oberhamer, "Swing!" Marriott Doug Peck, "Hello Again," Apple Tree Theatre Original Incidental Music Andre Pluess and Ben Sussman, "Red Herring," Northlight Theatre Other: John Boesche, "Sunset Boulevard," Marriott, Special Achievement in Projection Design Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi, "Lookingglass Alice," Lookingglass Theatre Company and Actors Gymnasium, Special Achievement in Circus Choreography Pablo Perea, "Two Sisters and a Piano," Apple Tree Theatre and Teatro Vista, Special Achievement as Muralist

A complete list of nominees can be found at www.jeffawards.org. Advance tickets for the awards ceremony are $65. Call David Liesse at (708) 788-6072 or e-mail dliesse@comcast.net.

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