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## PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION-USA ANNOUNCES

### 2008 AWARDS WINNERS FOR THEATER, DANCE & FILM

#### Rose Bond and Alec Hammond Receive Princess Grace Statue Awards

NEW YORK, NY – (July 30, 2008) The Board of Trustees of the Princess Grace Foundation-USA and its Chairman, Hon. John F. Lehman, announced today the recipients of 2008 Princess Grace Awards. The Awards for theater, dance/choreography and film continue the legacy of Grace Kelly, Princess of Monaco, who anonymously helped emerging artists pursue their goals throughout Her lifetime.

The Princess Grace Foundation-USA, a public charity, was formed after the death of Princess Grace in 1982. They award scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships to assist artists with career development.

The Foundation cultivates a diverse group of nearly 500 artists to date who continue to advance the spectrum of performing arts with innovative, cutting-edge, vibrant theater, dance, film, playwriting and design. Among some notable Princess Grace Awards recipients in Theater are 2008 Tony Award winner for Best Direction of a Play, Anna D. Shapiro; Pulitzer and Tony Award winning playwright Tony Kushner and Academy Award winner Eric Simonson. Film recipients include Stephen Hillenburg, creator of *SpongeBob SquarePants*; Eric Darnell, director of *Madagascar 1 and 2* and *Antz* and Greg Mottola, director of *Superbad*. Recipients of Princess Grace Dance Awards include ballet dancers Maria Kowroski and Ethan Stiefel, and choreographers Robert Battle and Dawn Stoppioello.

#### **STATUE AWARDS**

Past winners of the Awards who distinguish themselves in their artistic disciplines since receiving their initial Princess Grace Awards are eligible to win the coveted *Princess Grace Statue*. It includes a \$25,000 unrestricted cash gift and a special Bronze Statue of Princess Grace created by Monegasque artist Kees Verkade. The 2008 Statue Awards winners are Rose Bond and Alexander (Alec) T. Hammond.

Rose Bond is a media artist whose short films have screened in international competitions including Sundance and the New York Film Festival. Although her roots are in frame-by-frame, hand drawn or direct animation, her current work is produced using digital animation technology. Ms. Bond teaches animation and Time Arts at the Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon. Her direct animation films are held in the Film Collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Alec Hammond is a Yale-educated production designer and art director. In 1995, he was honored with the first Princess Grace Fabergé Theater Award. His most recent work includes creating a next-

generation Jumbo Jet from nose to tail for the film *Flightplan*, starring Jodie Foster. His production design can also be seen in the acclaimed film *Donnie Darko*, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and written/directed by Richard Kelly; *The Contender* for director Rod Lurie and *First Daughter* for director Forrest Whitaker.

### **PRINCESS GRACE AWARDS**

Each year, the Foundation announces a select group of Princess Grace Awards for distinction in the areas of theater, dance, and film. Students are eligible for scholarships; emerging artists working in companies qualify for apprenticeships and fellowships. A playwriting fellowship is available for individual artists through a residency at New Dramatists in New York City. In addition to these, the Foundation also gives honorable mention grants to applicants through Honoraria.

Special Project Awards are available to previous Princess Grace Awards winners and Honoraria recipients for uniquely significant projects that advance a previous winner's artistic development.

This year, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA Arts Advisory Board announced a partnership with the Baryshnikov Arts Center (BAC) to provide further support for Princess Grace Awards winners. The aim of this alliance is to provide previous Awards winners the opportunity for creative experimentation without the pressure to produce a final, finished product. This aligns seamlessly with the mission of BAC, which serves as "an international center for artistic experimentation and collaboration, providing unique opportunities for the professional development of emerging and mid career artists from around the world and across disciplines."

In addition to the Awards, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA supports the nominating organizations' fund raising efforts by extending general operating monies to companies hosting a recipient.

The 2008 Princess Grace Awards winners (listed below) represent various colleges, universities, and not-for-profit theater and dance companies throughout the United States. This year's winners hail from 16 states and represent twelve organizations that are new to partnering with the Foundation. The Awards winners exemplify both classical and alternative artistic disciplines and, while still considered emerging talent, they are already distinguished in their areas of expertise. All of this year's Awards winners will travel to New York City as guests of the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, where they will receive their Awards at a black-tie Gala, held in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco on October 15, 2008 at Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

To find out more about each 2008 Princess Grace Awards winner or to learn more about past recipients and the Foundation, please visit us at [www.pgfusa.org](http://www.pgfusa.org).

### **PRINCESS GRACE STATUE AWARD**

Alec Hammond

Original Award, 1995, Fabergé Award for Scenic Design, Yale School of Drama

Rose Bond

Original Award, 1989, Graduate Film Scholarship, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

### **THEATER AND PLAYWRITING**

Arin Arbus, Los Angeles, CA

*Grace LeVine Theater Award*

Directing Fellowship, Theatre for a New Audience

Jaime Castañeda, San Antonio, TX

*Gant Gaither Theater Award*

Directing Apprenticeship, American Theater Company

Ben Gunderson, Moorhead, MN  
*Robert and Gloria Hausman Theater Award*  
Acting Scholarship, North Carolina School of the Arts

Patrick Kennelly, Evanston, IL  
*Pierre Cardin Theater Award*  
Directing Scholarship, University of California, Los Angeles

Arnulfo Maldonado, Eagle Pass, TX  
*Fabergé Theater Award*  
Costume Design Fellowship, Diverse City Theater

Kaneza Schaal, Freestone, CA  
Acting Apprenticeship, The Wooster Group

Kara Lee Corthron, New York, NY  
Playwriting Fellowship, New Dramatists

Maureen C. Huskey, Denver, CO  
Directing Honoraria, California Institute of the Arts

Thom Pasculli, Newton, NJ  
Acting Honoraria, Double Edge Theatre Productions, Inc.

Ashley Sparks, Stuarts Draft, VA  
Directing Honoraria, ArtSpot Productions

Damon E. Williams, Havertown, PA  
Acting Honoraria, Temple University

### **DANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY**

Thang Dao, Montclair, CA  
Choreography Fellowship, Ballet Austin

Blaine Hoven, Mobile, AL  
*Chris Hellman Dance Award*  
Ballet Fellowship, American Ballet Theatre

Jermel Johnson, Baltimore, MD  
Ballet Fellowship, Pennsylvania Ballet

Alexander Peters, State College, PA  
Ballet Scholarship, School of American Ballet

Lucien Postlewaite, Santa Cruz, CA  
Ballet Fellowship, Pacific Northwest Ballet

Spenser Theberge, Vancouver, WA  
Ballet Scholarship, The Juilliard School-Dance Division

Dominic Walsh, Elgin, IL  
Choreography Fellowship, Sarasota Ballet of Florida

Nejla Y. Yarkin, Washington, D.C.  
Choreography Fellowship, Cleo Parker Robertson Dance Theater

Elisa Clark, Bethesda, MD  
Modern Dance Honoraria, Mark Morris Dance Group

Leah Morrison, St. Louis, MO  
Modern Dance Honoraria, Trisha Brown Dance Company

## **FILM**

Caitlin Craggs, Lake Stevens, WA  
Animation Undergraduate Film Scholarship, University of Southern California

Derrick A. Jones, Youngstown, OH  
Documentary Graduate Film Scholarship, Ohio University

Nikyatu S. Jusu, Atlanta, GA  
Narrative Graduate Film Scholarship, New York University

Deitra Thompson, Baltimore, MD  
*John H. Johnson Film Award*  
Experimental Graduate Film Scholarship, Bard College

Josh Weissbach, Austin, TX  
*Cary Grant Film Award*  
Documentary Undergraduate Film Scholarship, Hampshire College

Iman K. Zawahry, Panama City, FL  
Narrative Graduate Film Scholarship, Florida State University

Kimberly Bautista, Pasadena, CA  
Documentary Film Honoraria, UC Santa Cruz

Henry C. Fernandez, E. Los Angeles, CA  
Narrative Film Honoraria, California State University, Northridge, Radio, TV & Film

Jordan C. Greenhalgh, Albany, NY  
Experimental Animation Film Honoraria, Rochester Institute of Technology

Dave Horowitz, Chicago, IL  
Animation Film Honoraria, University of Southern California

Erica Lisette Murphy, Rogue Valley, OR  
Animation Film Honoraria, School of The Museum of Fine Arts

## **SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS**

Rosemary Newcott, Theater

Chi-wang Yang, Theater

Eric Kupers, Dance

Drew Jacoby, Dance

Ilya Chaiken, Film

Miwa Matreyek, Film

Julie Wyman, Film

**WORKS IN PROGRESS AWARDS**

Nancy Bannon, Dance

Shelia Callaghan, Playwriting

Maureen Towey, Theater