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## PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION-USA ANNOUNCES

### 2009 AWARDS WINNERS IN THEATER, DANCE & FILM

#### ***Brian Kulick and Gillian Murphy receive Princess Grace Statue Awards***

**NEW YORK, NY – (August 11, 2009)** The Board of Trustees of the **Princess Grace Foundation-USA** and its **Chairman, Hon. John F. Lehman**, announced today winners of the 2009 **Princess Grace Awards**. The Awards for theater, dance and choreography, and film continue the legacy of Princess Grace (Kelly) of Monaco, who anonymously helped emerging artists pursue their goals during Her lifetime. This year's winners represent 17 states around the country and six organizations that are new to partnering with the Foundation. 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 the annual black-tie **Princess Grace Awards Gala, held in the presence of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco, on October 21, 2009 at Cipriani 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.**

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 at the start of their careers. 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, and vibrant theater, dance, choreography, film, playwriting and design. Since the Foundation's inception, more than 650 Awards have been given to recipients, totaling more than \$7 million.

#### **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 Award**. It includes a \$25,000 unrestricted cash gift and a special Bronze Statue of Princess Grace created by Dutch artist Kees Verkade. This year's *Statue Award* winners are:

#### **Brian Kulick**

Artistic Director of Classic Stage Company  
Original Award, 1988, Center Theatre Group

#### **Gillian Murphy**

Principal Dancer at American Ballet Theatre  
Original Award, 1998, American Ballet Theatre

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Brian Kulick is in his seventh season as Artistic Director of Classic Stage Company (CSC), where he recently directed the world premiere of Anne Carson's adaptation of *An Oresteia*. Other CSC credits include *Hamlet*, *Richard II* and *Richard III* with Michael Cumpsty; *The Tempest* with Mandy Patinkin; *The False Servant* with Martha Plimpton and *The Mysteries* with Michael Stuhlbarg. He is also currently on the faculty of Columbia University's School of the Arts Theatre Program, where he teaches directing.

Gillian Murphy joined American Ballet Theatre as a member of the corps de ballet in August 1996, was promoted to Soloist in 1999, and Principal Dancer in 2002. Her repertoire with the Company includes a wide array of work, from Juliet in *Romeo and Juliet* to Kitri in *Don Quixote*. She has appeared as a guest artist in Japan, Mexico, Germany, Italy, Canada and throughout the United States. Murphy is a charter member of *Stiefel & Stars* and directed a training program for young dancers, *Dreamcatchers*, on Martha's Vineyard.

### **PRINCESS GRACE AWARDS**

Each year, the Foundation presents the **Princess Grace Awards** to artists who show excellence and promise 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.

The 2009 *Princess Grace Awards* winners (listed below) represent 22 colleges, universities, and not-for-profit theater and dance companies throughout the United States. The Awards winners exemplify both classical and alternative artistic disciplines and, while still considered emerging talent, already show exceptional promise in their areas of expertise. The Foundation's support assists their theater and dance studies, helps pay their artistic fees at non-profit theater and dance companies and helps support their thesis film projects. The actual *Princess Grace Award* this year is a unique work of art created by designer Alex Soldier. In addition to the Awards, the Princess Grace Foundation-USA extends general operating monies to companies hosting an Awards winner. This year's Princess Grace Awards winners are:

### **THEATER AND PLAYWRITING**

#### **Ann Bartek**

Theater Fellowship, *Pierre Cardin Theater Award*  
The Milk Can Theatre Company

#### **Craig Bazan**

Theater Apprenticeship  
The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey

#### **Colin K. Bills**

Theater Fellowship, *Fabergé Theater Award*  
Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company

#### **James Darrah**

Theater Scholarship, *Robert and Gloria Hausman Theater Award*  
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Theater

#### **Nicolette Robinson**

Theater Scholarship, *Gant Gaither Theater Award*  
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Theater

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**Lily Whitsitt**

Theater Scholarship, *Grace Le Vine Theater Award*  
California Institute of the Arts

**Branden Jacobs-Jenkins**

Playwriting Fellowship  
New Dramatists Inc.

**DANCE AND CHOREOGRAPHY**

**Isabella Boylston**

Dance Fellowship  
American Ballet Theatre

**Jeffrey Cirio**

Dance Fellowship  
Boston Ballet

**Jae Man Joo**

Choreography Fellowship  
Complexions Contemporary Ballet

**Andrea Miller**

Choreography Fellowship  
Ballet Hispanico of New York

**Sarah Murphy**

Dance Scholarship  
The Juilliard School-Dance Division

**Katie Scherman**

Dance Scholarship  
Dominican University/LINES Ballet

**Corey Scott-Gilbert**

Dance Fellowship, *Chris Hellman Dance Award*  
Alonzo King's LINES Ballet

**Joseph Walsh**

Dance Fellowship  
Houston Ballet

**Kate Weare**

Choreography Fellowship  
PARADIGM

**FILM**

**Lindsay Berkebile**

Film Undergraduate Scholarship  
Rochester Institute of Technology

**Chinonye Chukwu**

Film Graduate Scholarship  
Temple University

**Glen Fogel**

Film Graduate Scholarship  
Bard College

**Rashaad Ernesto Green**

Film Graduate Scholarship, *Cary Grant Film Award*  
New York University

**Ian Soroka**

Film Undergraduate Scholarship, *John H. Johnson Film Award*  
University of Colorado

**John Thompson**

Film Graduate Scholarship  
University of Southern California

**HONORARIA**

**Denise Quinones**

Theater Honorarium  
Repertorio Espanol

**Meghan Raham**

Theater Honorarium  
Kansas City Repertory Theatre

**Tony Speciale**

Theater Honorarium  
Classic Stage Company

**Chitra Kalyandurg**

Dance Honorarium  
Kuchipudi Kalanidhi

**Carlos A. Menchaca**

Dance Honorarium  
National Institute of Flamenco

**Kalim Armstrong**

Film Honorarium  
Hunter College, CUNY

**Charlie Corriea**

Film Honorarium  
San Francisco State University

**Gazelle Samizay**

Film Honorarium  
University of Arizona

**Terrie Samundra**  
Film Honorarium  
San Francisco State University

**Anthony Weeks**  
Film Honorarium  
Stanford University

**SPECIAL PROJECT and WORKS IN PROGRESS AWARDS**

**Special Project Awards** and **Works in Progress Residencies at the Baryshnikov Arts Center** are grants available to past *Princess Grace Awards* winners and Honoraria recipients for uniquely significant projects that advance their artistic development. This year's *Special Project Awards* and *Works in Progress Residencies* are:

**SPECIAL PROJECT AWARDS**

Thang Dao  
Andrew Okpeaha MacLean  
Elliot Montague  
Scott Turner Schofield  
Dawn Marie Stoppiello  
Nejla Yatkin  
Susan Youssef

**WORKS IN PROGRESS RESIDENCIES**

Eric Kupers  
Pavel Zuštiak

**ABOUT THE PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION - USA**

The Princess Grace Foundation-USA is a not-for-profit, publicly-supported foundation, headquartered in New York City and founded more than 25 years ago by Prince Rainier III of Monaco in honor of his wife, Princess Grace [Kelly]. The Foundation's mission, that mirrors Princess Grace's in Her lifetime, is to support emerging artists in theater, dance and film through the awarding of scholarships, apprenticeships and fellowships. Since the Foundation's inception, more than 650 Awards have been given to recipients, totaling more than \$7 million. Some notable Princess Grace Awards recipients in Theater include: 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*; **Greg Mottola**, director of *Adventureland* and *Superbad*; and **Cary Joji Fukunaga**, writer and director of *Sin Nombre*. Dance/Choreography Awards recipients include: American Ballet Theatre's **Ethan Stiefel** and Jacoby&Pronk's **Drew Jacoby**; as well as choreographers **Robert Battle** and **Dominic Walsh**.

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