Awards & Honors

Honor Troupe Entry • Must be a current ITS Thespian Troupe. • Due 1st Week in March

Each year Oregon Thespians recognizes as many as three schools for their extraordinary achievements in the theatre arts as Honor Troupes. Selection of Honor Troupes is made by a panel of independent judges not directly involved in Thespians, but with experience either in theatre education or theatre performance, or both. Judges base their selections entirely on the Honor Troupe application prepared by the troupe. Points are awarded for extraordinary involvement in the school, the community, and in the production season relative to the school. Each school is scored based on their own involvement relative to the community which they serve. Troupes are not compared to each other.

Please submit the following information, typed, and with no specific reference to your school. Submit with your conference registration form. Entries will be given a code by the State Director to ensure anonymity and given to the judges prior to the Conference. The judges will select as many as three troupes to be honored. Please tell us a bit about your year…

- *Identify what Oregon State Thespian events your troupe attended or participated in this year.*
- *Share your troupe involvement in your school (activity days, social activities, homecoming, etc…)*
- *Share with us your production season, both curricular and extra-curricular.*
- *Share your troupe involvement in your community (service projects, fund raisers, field trips, etc…)*
- *Share any interesting, unique or outstanding theatre experiences or projects your troupe had this past year.*
- *How many years of continuous affiliation with ITS have you had?*

The Melba Day Sparks Award Nomination Criteria • Honoring Oregon Adults.

The Melba Day Sparks Award honors both Thespian and non-Thespian adults who have made exceptional contributions to the growth of theatre and theatre education in Oregon. **It is Oregon's Theatre Educator's Hall of Fame**. The award is given each year at the conclusion of the State Conference. Honorees are nominated by their peers, other adults familiar with the nominee, or by the nominee's students and sent to a screening committee made up of past honorees. If there are no nominations the committee will seek out potential honorees. Use the following criteria to nominate someone deserving that you know. Deadline 1st Week in March.

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- *Send the nominee's name, place of employment, and specific contributions this person has made.*
- *Tell us your relationship to the nominee.*
- *Send your name as the NOMINATOR with your phone number.*
- *Write a short essay describing your reasons for the nomination and how this person best exemplifies the criteria of this award.*

Past honorees are:

1978	Angus Bowmer	1979	Horace Robinson	1980	Doug Finney	1981	Larry Daw	1982	Dick Melo
1983	Ed Ragozzino	1984	Millie Hoelscher	1985	Jan Mouser	1986	Richard Davis	1987	Paul Barnes
1988	Vi Watson	1989	Phyllis Quanbeck	1990	Gwen Cornwell	1991	Jerry Lesch	1992	Michael Hibbard
1993	Bob Burgoyne	1994	Tom Ulmer	1995	Cheri Adams	1996	Susan Brown	1997	No Award Given
1998	Lyle Schwarz	1999	Debbie Edwards	2000	Michael Fisher	2001	No Award Given		
2002	Laurie Martin-Cohn & Stephen Jackson-Clark			2003	Scott Walker	2004	William Horton	2005	Carolyn Reid
2006	John Remington	2007	Jeff Hall	2008	Sara Dempsey				