

TROUPE DIRECTOR HONORS

Standard Operating Procedures

The Melba Day Sparks Henning award represents “Oregon’s Theatre Educator’s Hall of Fame,” recognizing career achievement. Anyone may submit a nomination.

MELBA DAY SPARKS HENNING AWARD is given each year as a career achievement award to adults who have extraordinary service with Oregon Thespians or Oregon high school theatre. A past winner will be named as chairperson for this award. A nomination committee of volunteers will seek out qualified nominees and field nominations from others. Names and justification for the nomination will be submitted to the chairperson and the nomination committee will select the honoree. Nominations must be submitted by the posted deadline.

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.

- *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.*

Submit your nomination by mail by the posted deadline. Click the “SCHOLARSHIPS/HONORS” tab at oregonthespians.org for address information.

Theatre teachers may also apply to the Melba Endowment to attend the EdTA conference. Contact the Chapter Director for more information.