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``Big River'' Big Winner

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CTG, Colony, Road and Deaf West Dominate 2002 Theatre LA Ovation Nominations

LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 30, 2002--Deaf West Theatre's production of the musical "Big River" garnered 11 nominations at the Theatre LA 2002 Ovation Awards nominations announcement held Sunday at the Palace Theatre in downtown Los Angeles. The Deaf West production receives another staging later this year at the Mark Taper Forum. Center Theatre Group productions of "Flower Drum Song" and "Into the Woods" tied with eight nominations each, as did the Colony Theatre Company's "Side Show" and the Road Theatre Company's "Napoli Milionari."

In the category of World Premiere Play, the nominations went to Cornerstone Theatre Company's "Crossings, Journeys of Catholic Immigrants," staged at the abandoned St. Vibianas, "The Exonerated" from The Actors' Gang, "Terminus Americana" from the Lodestone Theatre Ensemble, "The Proof of the Promise" from The Antaeus Company, and "Lenny's Back" from Theatre of Will. World Premiere Musical nominations went to Company of Angels' "Flirting with Morty," Circle X's "Laura Comstock's Bag-Punching Dog," Oasis Theatre Company's "Steel: John Henry & The Shaker," Geo Hartley's "Twisted," and Santa Monica Playhouse's "Picon Pie."

The new category of Touring Company Production was captured entirely by Center Theatre Group productions of "Aida," "Copenhagen," "The Full Monty," and "The Tale of the Alergist's Wife."

This year there were 161 nominations in 29 categories from the 350 productions registered with Actors Equity and submitted for Ovation consideration. The TLA Board of Governors will also bestow special honors on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, arts leader Joan Boyett, and actors Carole Cook and Tom Troupe.

The Theatre LA Ovation Awards, established in 1989, celebrate the artistic excellence of LA's theatre and theatre artists and their continuing contribution to the vibrant cultural scene throughout the Los Angeles basin. They are the only peer-judged competitive theatre awards in Los Angeles.

The theme of the 2002 Theatre LA Ovation Awards, to be held Nov. 24 at the recently-restored Orpheum Theatre, 842 South Broadway, is "LA's Back on Broadway!" heralding the cultural and economic resurgence of downtown Los Angeles. Tickets are priced at \$35, \$75 and \$150, and are available through Ticketmaster.

The Ovation Awards are administered by Theatre LA, a non-profit association of more than 185 theatres and producers that represents, promotes, and supports the Southern California theatre community. The 2002 Theatre LA Ovation Awards are partially sponsored by the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department.

The Orpheum Theatre offers easy access to the 110, 5, 101 and 10 freeways and plenty of off-street, secure parking.

Complete list of nominees and special awards available at: <http://www.aldrichpr.com>

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