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Lily Tomlin Set to Host Los Angeles Ovation Awards Ceremony, Nov. 23

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Lily Tomlin

Tony Award winner Lily Tomlin (*The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*) is set to host this year's 14th annual Los Angeles Ovation Awards, Nov. 23 at the Orpheum Theatre.

Among the presenters scheduled to appear include Tony Abatemarco, Luis Alfaro, Marge Champion, Carole Cook, Jon Gottlieb, Shishir Kurup, Mark Murphy, Richard Thomas, Tom Troupe, B. J. Ward and Lula Washington. The awards show will be directed by Matt Almos and produced by Nancy Adler.

Tomlin, a Tony winner for Best Actress for her turn *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, also received a special Tony Award in 1977.

Known for her comedic television appearances on stage and screen, the actress currently appears on NBC's "The West Wing."

Ed Waterstreet, co-founding artistic director of Deaf West Theatre will receive a special James A. Doolittle Award for Leadership in the Theatre, and the Career Achievement Award will go to Gordon Davidson, the retiring artistic director of the Center Theatre Group/ Mark Taper Forum and producing director of CTG/ Ahmanson Theatre.

The peer-judged Ovation Awards, established in 1989, honor "artistic excellence of L.A.'s theatres and theatre artists, and their continuing contribution to the vibrant cultural scene."

Tickets for the Ovation Awards at the Orpheum Theatre, 842 S. Broadway, can be purchased by calling (213) 480-3232.

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The complete list of nominees are as follows:

World Premiere Play

- August Wilson *Gem of the Ocean* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
- Culture Clash *Chavez Ravine* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
- Evelina Fernandez *Dementia* - Latino Theatre Company
- Levy Lee Simon *Dessalines (The Heart) Blood & Liberation* - Robey Theatre Company
- Randy Schulman *La Gioconda* - Stages Theatre Center
- Del Shores *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* - Zephyr Theatre
- Bryan Davidson *War Music* - Playwrights' Arena

World Premiere Musical

- Co-Produced with the Troubador Theatre Company *A Christmas Carole King* Falcon Theatre
- Caroline Sherman and Bob Hull *Empire A New American Musical* - Hudson Theatres
- James Webber, David Church and Joe Patrick Ward *Judy's Scary Little Christmas* - Victory Theatre
- Mitzie and Ken Welch *Songs My Mother Taught Me* - Canon Theatricals
- Steve Schalchlin and Jim Brochu *The Big Voice: God or Merman?* - Zephyr Theatre

Lead Actor in a Play

- Seamus Deaver *Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange* - Greenway Arts

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Joe Hart *The Woman in Black* - Road Theatre Company
Norbert Weisser *Times Like These* - Padua Playwrights Productions

Lead Actress in a Play

Linda Purl *A Streetcar Named Desire* - Rubicon Theatre Company
Madison Dunaway *Agnes of God* - International City Theatre
Cissy Conner *An Evening with Marlene* - Theatre East
Maripat Donovan *Late Nite Catechism* - La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts
Zilah Mendoza *Living Out* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Beth Grant *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* - Zephyr Theatre
Laurie O' Brien *Times Like These* - Padua Playwrights Productions

Lead Actor in a Musical

David Engel *Crazy for You* - Musical Theatre West
Carl Anderson *Jesus Christ Superstar* - La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts
Kingsley Leggs *Ragtime* - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities
Eric Anderson *Ragtime* - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities
Norman Large *Sweeney Todd* - Performance Riverside
Jim Brochu *The Big Voice: God or Merman?* - Zephyr Theatre

Lead Actress in a Musical

Rachel York *Anything Goes* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Tami Tappan Damiano *Crazy for You* - Musical Theatre West
Connie Champagne *Judy's Scary Little Christmas* - Victory Theatre
Carolee Carmello *On the Twentieth Century* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Carol Dennis *Raisin* - International City Theatre

Featured Actor in a Play

Michael McElroy *Blue* - Pasadena Playhouse
James Farentino *Boy Gets Girl* - Geffen Playhouse
Gene Lythgow *Light up the Sky* - Malibu Stage Company
Bo Foxworth *Measure for Measure* - A Noise Within
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Jill Hill *The King Stag* - A Noise Within
Nancy Linehan Charles *Toys in the Attic* - The Colony Theatre

Featured Actor in a Musical

Jason Graae *Anything Goes* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Larry Cedar *Anything Goes* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Robert Picardo *On the Twentieth Century* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Stan Chandler *Ragtime* - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities
Larry Cedar *She Loves Me* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert

Featured Actress in a Musical

Anastasia Barzee *Anything Goes* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Sandy Mulvihill *Empire A New American Musical* - Pasadena Playhouse
Hudson Theatres
Sally Struthers *Mame* - Musical Theatre West
Kaitlin Hopkins *She Loves Me* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Carol Swarbrick *The Wizard of Oz* - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities

Solo Performance

Geraldine Hughes *Belfast Blues* - Virtual Theatre Project
Alec Mapa *Drama!* - CTG: Ivy Substation
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John Leguizamo *Sexaholic... a love story* - CTG: Ahmanson Theatre
Grant Kramer *Shadowboxing* - Court Theatre

Ensemble Performance

Cast of *Animal Farm* - Son of Semele Ensemble
Cast of *August Wilson's Gem of the Ocean* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Cast of *Dementia* - Latino Theatre Company
Cast of: *La Giocanda* - Stages Theatre Center
Cast of *Plaid Tidings* - Pasadena Playhouse
Cast of *The Hostage* - Alliance Repertory Company

Cast of *War Music* - Playwrights' Arena

Director of a Play

Marion McClinton *Gem of the Ocean* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Charles Haid *Belfast Blues* - Virtual Theatre Project
Randy Schulman *La Gioconda* - Stages Theatre Center
Tom Troupe *The Gin Game* - Theatre 40
Del Shores *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* - Zephyr Theatre
Ken Sawyer *The Woman in Black* - Road Theatre Company
Jessica Kubzansky *War Music* - Playwrights' Arena

Director of a Musical

Matt Walker *A Christmas Carole King* - Falcon Theatre
Edgar Landa *Animal Farm* - Son of Semele Ensemble
Stuart Ross *Plaid Tidings* - Pasadena Playhouse
Robert Clater *Ragtime* - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities
Gordon Hunt *She Loves Me* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert

Choreographer

Anthony Powell *Animal Farm* - Son of Semele Ensemble
Dan Mojica *Anything Goes* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Jamie Rocco *Crazy for You* - Musical Theatre West
Sergio Trujillo *Empire A New American Musical* - Hudson Theatres Lesia
Kaye *Ragtime* - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities

Musical Direction

Gerald Sternbach *Anything Goes* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Gerald Sternbach *On the Twentieth Century* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
David Snyder *Plaid Tidings* - Pasadena Playhouse
Gerald Sternbach *She Loves Me* - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Collin R. Freeman *Songs My Mother Taught Me* - Canon Theatricals

Production from a Touring Company

42nd Street - Dodger Stage Holding and Joop van den Ende, Producer
Aga-Boom! - Art Players, Inc., Producer
Elaine Stritch At Liberty - Creative Battery in association with John Schreibe, Producers
The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical - Bialystock and Bloom Co.
The Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe - Tomlin & Wagner Theatricalz, Producers

Play (Smaller Theatre)

An Evening with Marlene - Theatre East
The Hostage - Alliance Repertory Company
The Island - Camelot Artists Productions
The Woman in Black - The Road Theatre Company
Times Like These - Padua Playwrights' Productions

Play (Larger Theatre)

Toys in the Attic - The Colony Theatre
Agnes of God - International City Theatre
Late Nite Catechism - La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts - McCoy Rigby Entertainment, Producers
Morning's at Seven - CTG: Ahmanson Theatre - Lincoln Center Theater, Andre Bishop/Bernard Gerst, Producers
The King Stag A Noise Within

Musical (Smaller Theatre)

Animal Farm - Son of Semele Ensemble
Dracula, A Musical Nightmare - Sacred Fools Theater Company
Nuncrackers - Fremont Centre Theatre - Lissa and James Reynolds, Producers
Songs for a New World - TDRZ Productions, Inc. in association with Playwrights' Arena
Sunday in the Park with George - West Coast Ensemble

Musical (Larger Theatre)

Anything Goes - Marcia Seligson, Producer - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Plaid Tidings - Pasadena Playhouse
Ragtime - Civic Light Opera of South Bay Cities
She Loves Me - Reprise! Broadway's Best in Concert
Sweeney Todd - Performance Riverside

Set Design (Smaller Theatre)

David Edwards *Animal Farm* - Son of Semele Ensemble
James Eric *Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange* - Greenway Arts Alliance

Justin Huen and Jon Lawrence Rivera *Songs for a New World* - Playwrights' Arena
Matthew C Jacobs *The Hostage* - Alliance Repertory Company
John Williams *The Million Bells of Ocean* - Moving Arts
Desma Murphy *The Woman in Black* - Road Theatre Company
Susan Gratch *War Music* - Playwrights' Arena

Set Design (Larger Theatre)

David Gallo *Gem of the Ocean* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
John Lee Beatty *Morning's at Seven* - CTG: Ahmanson Theatre
John Amone *Rose and Walsh* - Geffen Playhouse
David Jenkins *Ten Unknowns* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Tom Buderwitz *Toys in the Attic* - The Colony Theatre
Tom Buderwitz *Under the Blue Sky* - Geffen Playhouse

Lighting Design (Smaller Theatre)

Chris Greulach *Animal Farm* - Son of Semele Ensemble
Jeremy Pivnick *Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange* - Greenway Arts Alliance
Rand Ryan *Drama!* - Greenway Arts Alliance
Frederick Wenzlaff *La Gioconda* - Stage Theatre Company
Josh Bradford *The Good Thief* - Court Theatre
Robert Smith *The Woman in Black* - Road Theatre Company
Jeremy Pivnick *War Music* - Playwrights' Arena

Lighting Design (Larger Theatre)

Donald Holder *Gem of the Ocean* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Daniel Ionazzi *Boy Gets Girl* - Geffen Playhouse
Kwang Sub-Kim *Dementia* - Latino Theatre Company
Jeremy Pivnick *Gretty Good Time* - Falcon Theatre
Brian MacDevitt *Morning's at Seven* - CTG: Ahmanson Theatre
Kevin Adams *sexaholix...a love story* - CTG: Ahmanson Theatre

Sound Design (Smaller Theatre)

Al Sgro *Animal Farm* - Son of Semele Ensemble
Rick Sparks *Anthony Burgess's A Clockwork Orange* - Greenway Arts Alliance
Drew Dalzell *As I Lay Dying* - Open Fist Theatre Company
Randy Schulman and DE3 *La Gioconda* - Stage Theatre Company
David B. Marling & Ken Sawyer *The Woman in Black* - Road Theatre Company
Drew Dalzell and Joe Patrick Ward *The Trials and Tribulations of a Trailer Trash Housewife* - Zephyr Theatre
John Zalewski *War Music* - Playwrights' Arena

Sound Design (Larger Theatre)

Karyl Lynn Burns and Steven Cahill *A Streetcar Named Desire* - Rubicon Theatre Group
Dan Moses Schreier *Gem of the Ocean* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Dan Moses Schreier *Chavez Ravine* - CTG: Mark Taper Forum
Jonathan Snipes *Dementia* - Latino Theatre Company
Frederick W. Boot *Plaid Tidings* - Pasadena Playhouse
T. Richard Fitzgerald *sexaholix... a love story* - CTG: Ahmanson Theatre

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