

**THE LEAGUE OF OFF-BROADWAY**  
**THEATRES & PRODUCERS**  
**TO PRESENT**  
**THE 18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LUCILLE LORTEL AWARDS**  
**FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OFF-BROADWAY**

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Lucille Lortel Theatre

- ◆ *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme* **Tops the Nominations With 6!**  
*Avenue Q* and *Fifth of July* Follow With 5 Each!
- ◆ Marian Seldes, Vineyard Theatre, and *The Exonerated* to Receive Special Awards
- ◆ Nominations Posted at [www.LortelAwards.com](http://www.LortelAwards.com)

*A Complete List of Nominations Follows*

The League of Off-Broadway Theatres & Producers today announced the nominees for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Lucille Lortel Awards for Outstanding Achievement Off-Broadway. On Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a reception for the nominees at Ruth's Chris Steak House (148 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street). On Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> the awards will be presented at the Lucille Lortel Theatre (121 Christopher Street) at 7 PM.

*Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme* tops the list of shows with multiple nominations, receiving six. *Avenue Q* and *Fifth of July* follow with five nominations each; *Our Lady of 121<sup>st</sup> Street* and *Take Me Out* each received four nominations.

### A COMPLETE LIST OF 2003 NOMINEES FOLLOWS

Three special awards will also be presented:

Unique Theatrical Experience:

***THE EXONERATED*** by Jessica Blank and Erik Jensen  
Produced by The Culture Project, Dede Harris, Morton Swinsky,  
Bob Balaban, Harit Allan Buchman in association with Patrick Blake  
and David Elliott, Jane Bergère, Ruth Hendel and Cheryl Wiesenfeld

The Edith Oliver Award for Sustained Excellence:

**MARIAN SELDES**

Outstanding Body of Work:

**VINEYARD THEATRE**

The Lucille Lortel Awards 2003 nominating/voting committee includes representatives of the League of Off-Broadway Theatres & Producers, the Lucille Lortel Foundation, Actors' Equity Association, Society of Stage Directors & Choreographers, journalists, educators, and other artistic contributors to Off-Broadway.

The League of Off-Broadway Theatres & Producers created these awards in recognition of Lucille Lortel's tireless devotion to Off-Broadway. Awarded annually since 1986, the Lortel Awards are produced by the League in association with the Lucille Lortel Foundation. Additional support is provided by Theatre Development Fund.

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Outstanding Play

*Dublin Carol*

by Conor McPherson

Producer: Atlantic Theater Company

*Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*

by Frank McGuinness

Producer: Lincoln Center Theater

*Our Lady of 12<sup>th</sup> Street*

by Stephen Adly Guirgis

Producer: John Gould Rubin, Ira Pittelman, Robyn Goodman, Ruth Hendel, Daryl Roth, and the LAByrinth Theater Company

*Take Me Out*

by Richard Greenberg

Producer: The Joseph Papp Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival and The Donmar Warehouse

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Outstanding Musical

*Avenue Q*

Music and Lyrics by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx, Book by Jeff Whitty,

Based on an original concept by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx

Producer: Vineyard Theatre and The New Group

*Hank Williams: Lost Highway*

By Randal Myler and Mark Harelik

Producer: Manhattan Ensemble Theater

*Radiant Baby*

Book by Stuart Ross, Music by Debra Barsha, Lyrics by Ira Gasman, Stuart Ross, and Debra Barsha

Producer: The Joseph Papp Public Theater/New York Shakespeare Festival

*Zanna, Don't!*

Book, Music, and Lyrics by Tim Acito, Additional Book and Lyrics by Alexander Dinelaris

Producer: Jack M. Dagleish in association with Stephanie Joel

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Outstanding Revival

*Burn This* by Lanford Wilson  
Producer: Signature Theatre Company

*Comedians* by Trevor Griffiths  
Producer: The New Group

*Don Juan* by Molière, Translated by Christopher Hampton  
Producer: Theatre for a New Audience

*Fifth of July* by Lanford Wilson  
Producer: Signature Theatre Company

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Outstanding Director

Jo Bonney, *Fifth of July*  
Philip Seymour Hoffman, *Our Lady of 121<sup>st</sup> Street*  
Joe Mantello, *Take Me Out*  
Nicholas Martin, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*  
Jason Moore, *Avenue Q*

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Outstanding Choreographer

Ronald K. Brown, *Crowns*  
Martha Clarke, *Vienna: Lusthaus (revisited)*  
Devanand Janki, *Zanna, Don't!*  
Ken Roberson, *Avenue Q*  
Fatima Robinson, *Radiant Baby*

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Outstanding Lead Actor

Charles Busch, *Shanghai Moon*  
Jim Dale, *Comedians*  
Edward Norton, *Burn This*  
Jason Petty, *Hank Williams: Lost Highway*  
Daniel Sunjata, *Take Me Out*

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Outstanding Lead Actress

Tovah Feldshuh, *Golda's Balcony*  
S. Epatha Merkerson, *Fucking A*  
Kate Mulgrew, *Tea At Five*  
Pamela Payton-Wright, *Fifth of July*  
Parker Posey, *Fifth of July*

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Outstanding Featured Actor

Walter Bobbie, *Polish Joke*  
Mos Def, *Fucking A*  
Ron Cephas Jones, *Our Lady of 121<sup>st</sup> Street*  
Denis O'Hare, *Take Me Out*  
Justin Theroux, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*

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Outstanding Featured Actress

Anika Larsen, *Zanna, Don't!*  
Jan Maxwell, *My Old Lady*  
Nancy Opel, *Polish Joke*  
Portia, *Our Lady of 121<sup>st</sup> Street*  
Daphne Rubin-Vega, *Fucking A*

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Outstanding Scenic Design

Christopher Akerlind, *Don Juan*  
John Lee Beatty, *My Old Lady*  
Alexander Dodge, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*  
Anna Louizos, *Avenue Q*  
Mark Wendland, *The World Over*

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Outstanding Costume Design

Michael Bottari and Ronald Case, *Shanghai Moon*  
Susan Hilferty, *My Life With Albertine*  
Paul Tazewell, *Boston Marriage*  
Catherine Zuber, *Far Away*

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Outstanding Lighting Design

Christopher Akerlind, *Don Juan*  
Howell Binkley, *Radiant Baby*  
Donald Holder, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*  
James F. Ingalls, *My Life With Albertine*  
James Vermeulen, *Fifth of July*

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Outstanding Sound Design

Paul Arditti, *Far Away*  
Mark Bennett, *Golda's Balcony*  
Brett Jarvis, *Avenue Q*  
Jerry Yager, *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*

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MULTIPLE NOMINATIONS:

Six nominations

*Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*

Five nominations

*Avenue Q*  
*Fifth of July*

Four nominations

*Our Lady of 12<sup>th</sup> Street*  
*Take Me Out*

Three nominations

*Don Juan*  
*Fucking A*  
*Radiant Baby*  
*Zanna, Don't!*

Two nominations

*Burn This*  
*Comedians*  
*Far Away*  
*Golda's Balcony*  
*Hank Williams: Lost Highway*  
*My Life With Albertine*  
*My Old Lady*  
*Polish Joke*  
*Shanghai Moon*

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