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THE LEAGUE OF OFF-BROADWAY  
THEATRES & PRODUCERS  
TO PRESENT  
THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LUCILLE LORTEL AWARDS  
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OFF-BROADWAY

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Minetta Lane Theatre  
Followed by A Celebration at *Eugene*

- First Time at Larger Minetta Lane Theatre To Make More Seats Available to the Public
- Tony Kushner to be Honored on Playwrights' Sidewalk
  - Cut-Off Date for Eligibility Is March 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Nominations Announced April 6<sup>th</sup> and Posted on [www.LortelAwards.com](http://www.LortelAwards.com)
  - Nominees Cocktail Reception April 19<sup>th</sup> at *Ruth's Chris Steak House*
- Tickets for Awards Ceremony Go on Sale to the General Public April 6<sup>th</sup> Through Ticketmaster and at Minetta Lane Box Office

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**THE LEAGUE OF OFF-BROADWAY THEATRES AND PRODUCERS** has announced that **THE 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LUCILLE LORTEL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OFF-BROADWAY** will be presented on Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Minetta Lane Theatre (18 Minetta Lane) at 7 PM. A celebration will follow at *Eugene* (27 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street).

The nominations will be announced April 6<sup>th</sup>. A cocktail reception to congratulate all of the nominees will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at *Ruth's Chris Steak House* (148 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street).

The Minetta Lane Theatre (399 seats) provides more seats to accommodate increased attendance by both the industry and the public. A limited number of tickets, for the ceremony only, will go on sale to the public at \$50 each through Ticketmaster (212/307-4100) and the Minetta Lane Box Office (212-420-8000), beginning April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Among the highlights of the evening will be performances by the casts of the four nominees for Outstanding Musical. Celebrity Masters of Ceremonies and presenters will be announced shortly; previous hosts have included Tim Robbins, Susan Sarandon, Alan Cumming and Brooke Shields, among others.

Tony Kushner will be honored with induction into the Playwrights' Sidewalk. Tony Kushner intends his plays to be part of a greater political movement; his work is concerned with moral responsibility during politically repressive times. Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* is a masterful epic-it received a Pulitzer Prize, two Tony® Awards, two Drama Desk Awards, and the NY Critics Circle Award. In 1998, London's National Theatre selected *Angels in America* as one of the ten best plays of the 20th century. The HBO version was directed by Mike Nichols featured Al Pacino, Meryl Streep, and Emma Thompson. Mr. Kushner's other plays include *Slavs!* and *A Bright Room Called Day*. Tony Kushner's current projects include *Caroline or Change*, now moving to Broadway after a highly successful run at the Public Theatre, and *Homebody/Kabul* at Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Awarded since 1986, the Lucille Lortel Awards are produced by the League by special arrangement with the Lucille Lortel Foundation. Additional support is provided by Theatre Development Fund. Gala celebration sponsored exclusively by Dewars.

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