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The Non-Equity Jeff Awards Ceremony Moves To The Athenaeum



Chicago, November 14, 2016 - The Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee announces that the 44th Annual Non-Equity Jeff Awards Ceremony, recognizing excellence in non-union Chicago theatre, will be held at The Athenaeum on June 5, 2017. This awards show will be honoring non-Equity productions for the season running April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

The Athenaeum, located at 2936 N. Southport Avenue in Chicago, seats 984 patrons in its classic Main Stage space built in 1911. John Glover, the Chair of the Non-Equity Wing for the Jeff Committee and producer of the awards show, shared that the past three award shows have been sold out, and it was time to explore a new venue. John stated, "The Park

West has been a terrific host to this awards show for many years, but we have outgrown the space. It's a great dilemma to have to face." Jeff DeLong, the Director of Marketing & Development at the Athenaeum, stated, "We are thrilled to host the Non-Equity Jeff Awards. So many of the nominees are resident producing partners that perform here. This event contributes to the 105-year legacy of off-loop theatre at the Athenaeum. Having the Jeff Awards here will be a great new tradition as we enter our second century."

The Jeff Awards have been honoring outstanding theatre artists annually since it was established in 1968. With up to 55 members representing a wide variety of backgrounds in theatre, the Jeff Awards Committee is committed to celebrating the vitality of Chicago area theatre by recognizing excellence through its recommendations, awards, and honors. The Jeff Awards foster the artistic growth of area theatres and theatre artists and promotes educational opportunities, audience appreciation, and civic pride in the achievements of the theatre community.

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