

2008 State Theatre Center for the Arts FREDDY® Awards

**DESALES UNIVERSITY THEATER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
2008 STATE THEATRE CENTER FOR THE ARTS FREDDY® AWARDS**

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

The State Theatre Center for the Arts FREDDY® Awards were first announced in April 2002. Named after our famed ghost, J. "Fred" Osterstock, the State Theatre Center for the Arts is pleased to present the 2008 FREDDY® Awards—rewarding exceptional accomplishments in the production and performance of musical theater in local high schools. With so much emphasis on athletics in our schools, it's time to recognize significant achievement in the arts. The FREDDY® Awards program recognizes the extraordinary amount of work, creativity, and devotion that faculty and students pour into their high school theatrical productions. We strive to celebrate the entire art of musical theater: casts and crews, directors and designers, and the great musical theater works that inspire such devotion, while developing a creative and dynamic relationship between area high schools and a professional theatre organization. Months of preparation, judging, and deliberation will culminate in the 2008 FREDDY® Awards ceremony (modeled on the Tony Awards) which will take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday May 22, 2008 at the State Theatre Center for the Arts in Easton. Students will perform selections from nominated productions on the stage of the historic State Theatre, and in this fourth year of the FREDDY® Awards we have invited all high schools located in Northampton and Lehigh counties in Pennsylvania and Warren County in New Jersey to participate.

The Theater Program is among the best-known programs at DeSales University, and is an integral part of the Performing & Fine Arts Department. The Performing & Fine Arts Department is the largest department in the University and is housed in the Labuda Center for the Performing Arts, a state-of-the-art facility located at the eastern side of the campus. The Department boasts a thirty-seven year history of success, and has grown precipitously since the founding of The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival, the professional extension of the Theatre program, and the addition of the TV/Film program in 1997.

The Department consists of three degree granting programs in Theatre, Dance, and TV/Film. Approximately 70 dance, 115 TV/Film, and 145 theatre majors benefit from individual attention in a department with three dance, four TV/Film, and nine theatre faculty members, as well as fourteen adjunct faculty and six production & administrative staff members.

2008 DeSales University/FREDDY® Scholarship Award

The partnership between The State Theatre Center for the Arts FREDDY® Awards and DeSales University creates a unique opportunity for developing young performing artists from Pennsylvania or New Jersey to receive a comprehensive education through the Theatre Program at DeSales University, under the leadership of Dennis Razze, Director of Theatre. Students who are applying to DeSales in other programs are not eligible to apply for this scholarship.

**THE DESALES UNIVERSITY / STATE THEATRE FREDDY® AWARDS
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CONSISTS OF A
\$5,000 ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP, RENEWABLE FOR THREE YEARS.**

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Timeline of Important Dates

- ★ May 1, 2008 Deadline for applications for the 2008 DeSales/FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship
- ★ Week of May 5 Audition/interview for the 2008 DeSales/FREDDY[®] Scholarships (*if needed*)
- ★ Week of May 12 Recipient notified of the 2008 DeSales/FREDDY[®] Scholarship
- ★ May 22, 2008.....Formal Presentation of the 2008 DeSales/ FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship at the State Theatre Center for the Arts FREDDY[®] Awards Ceremony

Application Requirements

- ★ Students must complete and return the 2008 DeSales/FREDDY Award Scholarship application to the State Theatre by **4:00 pm on May 1, 2008**. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstances. Attn: Denise Smith, Director of Development, State Theatre Center for the Arts, 453 Northampton Street, Easton PA, 18042.
- ★ Students applying for the 2008 DeSales University/FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship must meet all eligibility requirements for acceptance to DeSales University and must have applied to the Theatre Program at DeSales.
- ★ Students who have received early acceptance from the University are eligible to apply for the scholarship, as well as students who have applied, auditioned, and are awaiting final acceptance decisions from DeSales University.
- ★ Students submitting applications for the 2008 DeSales University/FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship must attend a high school that is participating in the 2008 State Theatre Center for the Arts FREDDY[®] Awards.
- ★ Students submitting applications for the 2008 DeSales University/FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship do not have to receive a nomination in the 2008 FREDDY[®] Awards to be eligible.
- ★ The student selected for the 2008 DeSales University/FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship is eligible to receive additional Financial Aid, up to Full Tuition Remission, through DeSales University.

Selection and Review Process

Following receipt of all applications by the State Theatre and after all academic admission and performance audition requirements have been fulfilled for DeSales University, representatives of DeSales and the State Theatre will meet to review the candidates for the 2008 DeSales University/FREDDY[®] Awards Scholarship and select the recipient of the scholarship award.

An audition will only be held if deemed necessary by the State Theatre and the faculty and administration of the Theatre Program at DeSales University. If scheduled, students will be notified by mail and this audition will be in addition to any other audition/interview required for admittance at DeSales University.