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Lantern Theater Company Honored With Nine 2024 Barrymore Award Nominations

Recognition spans all four productions in the Lantern's 2023/24 mainstage season

PHILADELPHIA (August 16, 2024) – **Lantern Theater Company** was honored yesterday with nine 2024 nominations for the **Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre**, which are presented annually by **Theatre Philadelphia** to honor local artists and theater companies while increasing public awareness of the richness and diversity of our city's theater community. The Lantern's 2023/24 season productions were recognized as follows:

Tartuffe by Molière

- Outstanding Ensemble in a Play
- **Cathy Simpson** – Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Play

Crumbs from the Table of Joy by Lynn Nottage

- Outstanding Ensemble in a Play
- **Bianca LaVerne Jones** – Outstanding Direction of a Play
- **Morgan Charéce Hall** – Outstanding Leading Performance in a Play
- **Brett Ashley Robinson** – Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Play

Faith Healer by Brian Friel

- **Anthony Lawton** – Outstanding Supporting Performance in a Play

The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare

- **J Hernandez** – Outstanding Leading Performance in a Play
- **Eli Lynn** – Outstanding Choreography/Movement in a Play

Since the inception of the Barrymore Awards for Excellence in Theatre in 1995, Lantern Theater Company has been recognized with **126 nominations and 22 awards**, including the 2023 Barrymore Award for Outstanding Production of a Play for *The Royale* by Marco Ramirez. The Lantern's education programming has been recognized with the 2009 Award for Excellence in Theatre Education and Community Service and as a four-time finalist for the Victory Award for Outstanding Theatre Education Program. This year's award recipients will be announced at the **Annual Barrymore Awards Ceremony on October 28, 2024**. For more information, visit www.theatrephiladelphia.org.

About Lantern Theater Company

Founded in 1994 and entering its 31st season, Lantern Theater Company's mission is to produce plays that investigate and illuminate what is essential in the human spirit and the spirit of the times. The Lantern serves the Greater Philadelphia region with award-winning productions and education programming, notably partnering with middle schools and high schools in the Philadelphia School District to provide in-classroom residencies in support of curricular learning. The Lantern became a national leader in streaming theater during the Covid health crisis, producing ten fully designed plays that were created and filmed in the company's resident home at St. Stephen's Theater, garnering coverage in national media including *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, and reaching more than 30,000 people in 15 countries and all 50 states.

Launching in September 2024, Lantern Theater Company's 2024/25 season will include four extraordinary plays from some of the world's best playwrights, past and present: *The Wanderers*, a funny, moving, and thoughtful drama by **Anna Ziegler**, directed by **Jesse Bernstein (Press Opening: Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 7 p.m.)**; *American Moor*, a poetic exploration of Shakespeare, race, and America by **Keith Hamilton Cobb**, directed by **Kash Goins (Press Opening: Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 7 p.m.)**; William Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*, directed by Lantern Artistic Director **Charles McMahon (Press Opening: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 7 p.m.)**; and *The 39 Steps*, **Patrick Barlow**'s rollicking adaptation of the classic **John Buchan** adventure novel and **Alfred Hitchcock** film, also directed by **McMahon (Press Opening: Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 7 p.m.)**. More information is available online at www.lanterntheater.org.