Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts

Honors Day

Awards Dinner

Saturday, April 25, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Nebraska Union
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts

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Paul Steger, Director, Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

Affiliated Organizations

Lentz Center for Asian Culture
Lied Center for Performing Arts
Nebraska Repertory Theatre
Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center
Sheldon Museum of Art

Special thanks to:

Kathe Andersen
David Bagby
Sara Fedderson
Rhea Gill
Sandie Hager
Faye Kopke
Linda Luedtke
Phil Redfern
Michael Reinmiller
Sara Simonsen
University of Nebraska Foundation and Lucy Buntain Comine
Welcome and Introductions. ......................................................... Giacomo M. Oliva
Dean

• Student Awards •

Dean’s Award for Academic Excellence. ................................. Courtney Drake
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

Given to the student who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average of all graduating seniors
in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts.

College Alumni Board’s Graduate Student Leadership Award. .......... Sarah Barnard-Blitz
Art and Art History

Given to student who has proven to be leaders through his/her scholarship, talents, service and dedication.

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. ...................... John Carrasco, III
Art and Art History

Honors the work of a graduate teaching assistant who has demonstrated true excellence in teaching.

F. Pace Woods Scholarships. ...................................................... Neil Griess
Art and Art History

Tobin Stewart
School of Music

Bradley Flick
Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film

A College-wide award given to students who have demonstrated academic and creative/scholarly excellence.

Anne and William (Laurie) Porter Awards for Creativity in the Johnny
Carson School of Theatre and Film and the Dance Division in the
School of Music. ................................................................. Jenifer Dorman
Theatre and Film
Undergraduate Student

Ryan Kathman
Theatre and Film
Graduate Student

Joie Lovette
Dance Division
Undergraduate Student

Given to students who have demonstrated the highest level of achievement and excellence in theatre, film and dance.
Vreeland Awards in Art and Music

Francis William Vreeland Awards. ........................................... Ashley Thiems
Art and Art History
Undergraduate Student

Kelly Manning
Art and Art History
Graduate Student

Ida M. Vreeland Awards. ......................................................... Krista Abrahamson
School of Music
Undergraduate Student

Joseph Curiale
School of Music
Graduate Student

Given to recognize the creative achievements of the recipients in art and music.

• Faculty/Staff Awards •

Recognition of Hixson-Lied Faculty and Staff Awards:
College Distinguished Teaching Award. .................................. Scott Anderson
School of Music

Leadership Award in Curriculum or Programmatic Development
Achievement Award in Academic Advising
Junior Faculty Achievement Award in Teaching
Senior Faculty Achievement Award in Research and Creative Activity
Junior Faculty Achievement Award in Research and Creative Activity
Faculty Award for Outreach, Engagement or Service
Staff Award for Outstanding Service

Recognition of the Hixson-Lied Professorships.

Recognition of the retirement of Associate Dean Robert A. Fought.

• Special Recognition •

Recognition of the graduating Hixson-Lied Fellows:
Sarah Barnhard-Blitz, Art and Art History
Leonardo Lebas, School of Music
Kelly Manning, Art and Art History

Jewel Noll, Art and Art History
Denis Plutalov, School of Music
Larry and Bets Frederick
Lincoln, Neb.

Larry and Bets are loyal supporters of the activities in the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts. Larry has been a member of the Nebraska Repertory Theatre Advisory Board since 1996, serving as Vice President in 2001 and 2002 and President from 2003 to 2004. Bets has served on the Nebraska Art Association (now Sheldon Art Association) Board and recently joined the Department of Art and Art History’s MEDICI Board.
Alumni Achievement Awards

Alumni Achievement Award in Art

Riesing is Professor of Painting and Drawing at the University of Tennessee, where he has been since 1973. He was a visiting artist at the University of Texas, San Antonio and at the National Academy of Art in Bratislava, Slovakia. Since 1995 he has been a visiting artist/lecturer at the National Palace Museum in Taipei and 10 different universities and academies in China including the Central Academy of Art in Beijing, Sichuan University in Chengdu, and the Sichuan Institute of Fine Arts in Chongqing. He was an artist in residence at the Majestic Foundation in Texas and the Tea Farm in Yongchuan, Sichuan, China.

Dr. Laurie Scott, M.M. 1979
Alumni Achievement Award in Music

Scott is Associate Professor of Music and Human Learning and Director of the String Project at the University of Texas at Austin. Previous to this appointment, Dr. Scott served as professor of violin and viola and director of music education studies at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Scott is co-director of the Armadillo Suzuki Organization, the Austin Metropolitan Suzuki School, and the Texas Suzuki Tour Group. She holds a master’s degree in applied violin from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and a bachelor’s degree in music education from the State University of New York at Fredonia. She received her Ph.D. in Music Education from the University of Texas.

Breanna Benjamin, B.S. 1961
Alumni Achievement Award in Theatre

Benjamin has extensive experience in the entertainment industry. After graduating from the University of Nebraska, she began a four-year stint as “Miss Ann,” the teacher, on the CBS syndicated television series “Romper Room.” The Romper Room series lead to her hosting a syndicated radio show-emphasis on in-depth celebrity interviews including such luminaries as Ronald Reagan, Jimmy Stewart, Katherine Hepburn, Peter Jennings, etc. Upon exiting Romper Room, Benjamin went on to appear in major motion pictures, episodic television, soap operas, and as the principal spokesperson in more than 100 commercials. With her knowledge and affinity for working with talent, and a desire to work behind the scenes, she founded Creative Talent Company, a talent management company that guides the careers of a select group of actors. Benjamin has been involved in all sides of the entertainment industry. As a Casting Director she has cast for film, television, theatre, commercials, industrials and voices for animation. Her casting credits include motions picture festival award winners, commercial Cleo Award Winners and theatre award honorees. Benjamin, through her Creative Talent Company, of which she is president, has produced for the ABC television network, a dramatic special for PBS, telethons and pageants, both local and televised. She also produced a series of 200 reading tapes for educational use, sponsored by General Electric.
Faculty Service Award
Jon Nelson

Jon has distinguished himself during his more than 40 years of service to UNL as an administrator, educator and author and in service to a variety of arts service groups. He received his B.F.A. from UNL in 1959. He was Assistant to the Director at Sheldon Museum of Art from 1966 to 1981 before becoming Curator of the Center for Great Plains Studies (now Great Plains Art Museum) from 1981-1991. During this time, he also was a senior lecturer and visiting assistant professor in the Department of Art and Art History. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Nebraska Museums Coalition and the Nebraska Art Association. He also served on the College of Fine and Performing Arts board, including serving as President in 2000.

Previous Honorees

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Award of Merit

| 1994 Dean Tschetter                              | 2001 Dennis Schneider and         |
| 1996 Marguerite Hac and William and Anne Porter | 2001 David Landis                  |
| 1997 Julie Hagemieier                            | 2002 Christina M. Hixson          |
| 1999 Art Thompson                               | 2004 F. Pace Woods II             |
| 2000 Sen. LaVon K. Crosby                        | 2005 Joseph M. Ruffo              |
|                                                 | 2006 Ann Keyser Rawley            |
|                                                 | 2007 Jim and Rhonda Seacrest      |
|                                                 | 2008 Ernest Weyeneth              |
Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
Honors Day Weekend Schedule

Friday, April 24
Alumni Achievement Award recipients Thomas Riesing (Art), Dr. Laurie Scott (Music) and Breanna Benjamin (Theatre) will be in classes working with students.

5-7 p.m. MFA Thesis Exhibition III closing reception. Eisentrager-Howard Gallery in Richards Hall. Featuring the work of MFA candidates John Carrasco, III, Autumn Cipala and Seth Green.

7:30 and 10:30 p.m. Theatrix presents “Kung Fu Hamlet,” a kung fu spoof of Shakespeare’s Hamlet. Lab Theatre, 3rd floor Temple Building. Tickets are $6. Purchase at www.unltheatretickets.com or at the door, if still available.

Saturday, April 25
5:00 p.m. Honors Day Awards Dinner in the Nebraska Union Regency Suites A & B, honoring faculty, student and alumni achievement.

7:30 p.m. “Elijah” featuring the UNL Symphony Orchestra and Choruses performing Felix Mendelssohn’s greatest triumph. Lied Center for Performing Arts. Tickets available with your Honors Day reservation.

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Sunday, April 26
2 p.m. Theatrix presents “Kung Fu Hamlet,” a kung fu spoof of Shakespeare’s Hamlet. Lab Theatre, 3rd floor Temple Building. Tickets are $6. Purchase at www.unltheatretickets.com or at the door, if still available.

3 p.m. Big Red Singers & Vocal Jazz Ensembles. Kimball Recital Hall. Tickets: $5 general and $3 students/senior citizens, available at the door.