

## **Kim Coles And Quinton Aaron Announced Nominees For 20th Annual Naacp Theatre Awards**

*NAACP Theatre Awards Will Be Held On August 30, 2010*

**July 26, 2010** - [PRLog](#) -- (Los Angeles, CA) July 26, 2010– The Beverly Hills/Hollywood (BHH) Branch of the NAACP announced the 20th Annual NAACP Theatre Awards nominees at a press conference this morning at the Los Angeles Theatre Center (LATC) in downtown Los Angeles. The event was hosted by Kim Coles (“Living Single”) and Quinton Aaron (“Blindside”- winner for the 2010 Academy Award Best Actress). In attendance were Ron Hasson (President), Tia Boyd (Theatre Awards Executive Producer), and Willis Edwards (1st Vice President). The 20th Annual NAACP Theatre Awards will be held at the Director’s Guild of America (DGA) located at 7920 West Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood on Monday, August 30, 2010. The festival and award show is sponsored by Verizon, Honda, Wal-Mart, Southwest Airlines, Southern California Edison, and Rent-A-Center.

This year’s award show will be hosted by NAACP Image Awards nominated actress LisaRaye McCoy (UPN’s “All of Us”). This year’s distinguished honorees includes Kenny Leon (Director and Broadway actor) for the Trailblazer Award, Mr. Wren T. Brown (American film, theatre, and television actor) for the Community Service Award, and Kim Sentovich (Sr. VP Pacific Region, on behalf of Wal-Mart) for the President’s Award, and special performance from Bobby Valentino (Capitol Records recording artist, NAACP Images and Soul Train Nominee). The Spirit Award and Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced at a later date.

2010 NAACP Theatre Awards Nominees:

Best Set Design—Equity

The First Wives Club—Peter J. Davidson

Stormy Weather—James Noone

Eclipsed—Sibyl Wickersheimer

Best Set Design—Local

Sticky Fly—John Lacovelli

The River Niger—John Paul Luckenback

Tree—Brian Sidney Bembridge

Best Sound—Equity

The First Wives Club—Jon Weston

Baby It’s You!—Martin Carrillo

Sammy—John H. Shivers and David Patridge

Best Sound—Local

Schoolhouse Rock Live Too!—Fionnegan Justus Murphy

Chicago Club Rumboogie—Lloyd Reese

Blues for Central Ave—Christian Cook

Best Director—Equity

Sarafina! A Story of Liberation—Denise Dowse

Eclipsed—Robert O’Hara

Black Women—State of the Union—Nataki Garrett and Ayana Cahrr

Best Director—Local

Sticky Fly—Shirley Jo Finney

Bronzeville—Ben Guillory

Coming Home—Stephen Sachs

Best Playwright—Equity

Eclipsed—Danai Gurira

Sarafina! A Story of Liberation—Mbongeni Mgema

Sammy—Leslie Bricusse

Best Playwright—Local

Bronzeville—Timothy Toyama and Aaron Woolfolk

Mutiny At Port Charles—Paul Leaf

Someone's Somebody—Regina Louise

Best Lead Male—Equity

The First Wives Club—Kevyn Morrow

Sammy—Obba Babatubde

The Cherry Orchard—Steven Matt

Best Lead Male—Local

Coming Home—Thomas Silcott

The Caterer—Levar Burton

Laws of Sympathy—Joshua Wolf Coleman

Best Choreographer—Equity

Sarafina! A Story of Liberation—Cassie Crump and Alfred Johnson

Baby It's You!—Brigitte Mutrux

Sammy—Keith Young

Best Choreographer—Local

Schoolhouse Rock Live Too!—Rick Sparks

Chicago Club Rumboogie—Chester Whitmore

Howlin' Blues and Dirty Dogs—Pysa Noel

Best Costumes—Equity

Monty Python's Spamalot—Tim Hatley

Ain't Misbehavin—Randy Barcelo

Crowns—Dana Rebecca Woods

Best Costumes—Local

Bonita & Billie—Kevin James

Mutiny At Port Charles—Sarah Figoten

Toni Morrison's—The Bluest Eye—Maisie Klompus

Best Music Director—Equity

The First Wives Club—Ron Melrose

Sarafina! A Story of Liberation – Stephan Terry

Sammy – Ian Fraser

Best Music Director— Local

Howlin' Blues and Dirty Dogs – Barbara Morrison  
“WWWJD...What Would Jimi Do?” – Felicia D. Henderson  
Blues for Central Ave – Lou Briggs

Best Lighting— Equity

The First Wives Club – Mark McCullough  
Monty Python's Spamalot – Hugh Vanstone  
Baby It's You! – Howell Binkley

Best Lighting— Local

Bronzeville – Luke Moyer  
Mutiny At Port Charles – Rachel Fishman  
Toni Morrison's – The Bluest Eye – Will Sammons

Best Director of a Musical— Equity

The First Wives Club – Francesca Zambello  
Sarafina! A Story of Liberation – Stephan Terry  
Sammy – Keith Glover

Best Director of a Musical— Local

Howlin' Blues and Dirty Dogs – Carla Dufree Clark  
Bonita & Billie – Denise Dowse  
Chicago Club Rumboogie – Lloyd Reese

Best Supporting Female— Equity

Baby It's You! – Erica Ash  
Baby It's You! – Berlando Drake  
Sammy – Ann Duquesnay

Best Supporting Female— Local

Jitney – Shonni Albritton  
One Woman, Two Lives – Sharon Munfus  
Tree – Tessa Thompson

Best Supporting Male— Equity

The Cherry Orchard – Marc Ewing  
Stormy Weather – Phillip Attmore  
Stormy Weather – Cleavant Derricks

Best Supporting Male— Local

Coming Home – Matthew Elam  
Battle Hymn – Robert Manning, Jr.  
One Woman, Two Lives – Sammie Wayne

Best Lead Female— Equity

Monty Python's Spamalot – Marle Dandridge  
Stormy Weather – Nikki Crawford  
Stormy Weather – Leslie Uggams

Best Lead Female— Local  
Coming Home – Deidric Henry  
Tree – Sloan Robinson  
One Woman, Two Lives – Kellita Smith

Best Ensemble Cast— Equity  
Sarafina! A story of Liberation  
Eclipsed  
Crowns

Best Ensemble Cast— Local  
Stick Fly  
Bronzeville  
The River Niger

Best Producer— Equity  
The First Wives Club – The Old Globe  
Eclipsed – Center Theatre Group  
Sammy – The Old Globe

Best Producer— Local  
The River Niger – Robey theatre Company and Ben Guillory  
Coming Home – Simon Levy and Deborah Lawlor  
Toni Morrison's – The Bluest Eye – Jack Rowe, Associate Dean (USC School of Theatre)

Best One Person Show  
Someone's Somebody – Regina Louise  
Manish Boy – Ralph Harris  
Did You Do Your Homework? – Aaron Braxton

The prestigious star-studded gala is produced in an effort to honor thespians of color among the best in the field of entertainment. The award show and three-day festival provides a platform for thespians to express their craft and share their contributions with an audience of their peers, the community, and other individuals who crave live theatre in the 'City of Angels'. This year's festival will be at the NEW LATC theatre in Los Angeles on August 27-29, 2010. For more information regarding the 2010 Theatre Awards Festival and Award Show please visit [www.bhwdnaacptheatreawards.com](http://www.bhwdnaacptheatreawards.com).

Images of the press conference:

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