



**J\*Company Youth Theatre 17th Season 2009-2010**

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**J\*COMPANY CELEBRATES MULTIPLE THEATRE AWARDS  
INCLUDING OUTSTANDING PRODUCTION, OUTSTANDING  
ENSEMBLE, AND SPECIAL CREATIVITY AWARD**

LA JOLLA, CA – J\*Company Youth Theatre, a program of the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, is pleased to announce its National Youth Theatre and Old Globe Theatre nominations and awards for the recently completed 2009-2010 season, which featured productions of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s beloved musicals *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Cinderella*.

“To have had the opportunity to direct these fantastic Rodgers and Hammerstein productions has been an absolute dream, and to be honored with so many awards is just icing on the musical cake,” said Joey Landwehr, J\*Company’s Artistic Director. “I count myself lucky to have been able to work with these wonderfully talented young artists.”

“It is amazing to me that we produce four shows a year and since becoming Artistic Director of J\*Company almost five years ago, we have not presented one production that has not been honored in some way,” said Landwehr. “I am such a proud papa!”

Landwehr directed all four productions of the 2009-2010 season. Landwehr has worked extensively as an actor and director in New York City, both on and off Broadway, as well as in national tours and regional theatre. He has studied under such instructors as Betty Buckley, Marcel Marceau, Francis Sternhagen, F. Murray Abraham, Twyla Tharpe, and has had the privilege of working with great performers such as Phyllis Diller, Sam Harris, Joel Grey, Kaye Ballard, Michael Feinstein, Kristen

Chenowith, and Howard Keel. Landwehr is a member of the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) and Actors' Equity Association (AEA). He was honored in 2006 by *San Diego Metropolitan Magazine* as one of the 40 San Diego residents under the age of 40 who are making significant contributions to the community.

The award recipients and nominees are listed below:

### **J\*Company National Youth Theatre Award Recipients 2009-2010**

#### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's South Pacific**

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical – **Satya Chavez**

#### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King and I**

Outstanding Production – **J\*Company Youth Theatre**

Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical – **Daniel Myers**

Outstanding Supporting Actress (13 and under) – **Gabriela Lipson**

Outstanding Ensemble – **J\*Company Youth Theatre**

Outstanding Costume Design – **Shulamit Nelson**

Special Creativity Award – **J\*Company Youth Theatre: Daniel Myers (the King) and Joey Landwehr (Director) shaving their heads “Yul Brynner Style” to raise over \$10,000 for children with cancer.**

#### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music**

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical – **Ali Viterbi**

### **J\*Company National Youth Theatre Award Nominations**

#### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's The King and I**

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical – **Zachary Herzog**

Outstanding Direction – **Joey Landwehr**

Outstanding Set Design – **David Weiner**

#### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's The Sound of Music**

Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical - **Zachary Herzog**

Outstanding Ensemble – **J\*Company Youth Theatre**

Outstanding Set Design – **David Kievit**

#### **Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella**

Outstanding Supporting Actress (13 and Under) – **Hallie Bodenstab**

Outstanding Supporting Actress (13 and Under) **Ilana Engle**

Outstanding Supporting Actress (13 and Under) – **Celia Tedde**

Outstanding Ensemble (13 and Under) – **J\*Company Youth Theatre**

### **J\*Company The Old Globe Honors Awards Recipients 2009-2010**

**Satya Chavez**

**Daniel Myers**

**J\*Company The Old Globe Honors Nominations 2009-2010**

**Jesse Carpentier**

**Lindsey Grant**

**Maddie Houts**

**Naomi McPherson**

**Kevin McRee**

**Scott Peterson**

**Darien Sepulveda**

**General Information – J\*Company Youth Theatre**

J\*Company Youth theatre is the leading youth theatre program in San Diego, garnering local and national attention with its award-winning productions as well as providing a foundation for young artists to train and develop their creative potential, giving them the opportunity to express themselves through the dramatic arts.

J\*Company Youth Theatre productions are performed at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre, located at the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla.

To audition for a J\*Company production, call 858-457-3030, ext. 1200, starting six weeks prior to the audition dates for that show. For summer theatre camps, visit Camp Jaycee 2010 at

<http://www.lfjcc.org/compjaycee/2010/theatre.aspx>.

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**About the San Diego Center for Jewish Culture**

The San Diego Center for Jewish Culture is the largest Jewish institution in San Diego dedicated solely to presenting high quality, nationally recognized programs which are unique to San Diego County. The mission of the SDCJC is to expand and enrich cultural life in San Diego by presenting the finest in Jewish artistic expression, encouraging the preservation of Jewish culture and heritage, and nurturing new creativity in the arts. A core belief of the SDCJC is to promote respect for diverse cultures and build community tolerance.

The SDCJC offers a wide variety of multi-disciplinary artistic programs that explore cultural identities and perspectives, promote cross cultural understanding, and highlight human themes of family, tolerance, compassion, and hope. These programs, including the San Diego Jewish Film Festival, the San Diego Jewish Book Fair, New Jewish Plays Project, the San Diego Jewish Music Festival, a Holocaust Education Program, and the J\*Company Youth Theatre, foster ideas of cultural appreciation and respect. Its facilities feature a 500-seat theatre, a Judaica library, an art gallery, and a community Holocaust Memorial Garden. Approximately 40,000 tickets are sold or provided annually to residents, visitors, and students for San Diego Center for Jewish Culture events.

**About the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS**

The mission of the Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is to provide social, cultural, educational, and recreational programs to individuals and families of all ages, religions, races, and financial, physical and mental

abilities. Likewise, the JCC provides equal opportunity employment to individuals of all religions and backgrounds. The JCC welcomes San Diego's diverse Jewish community and the community at large. The Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, JACOBS FAMILY CAMPUS is located at 4126 Executive Drive in La Jolla.



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