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## **SIGNATURE THEATRE RECEIVES 39 HELEN HAYES AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 Company Sets Record for Most Yearly Nods in the Awards' 25-Year-History**

Arlington, VA – Signature Theatre has been nominated for 39 Helen Hayes Awards for 2008 – the most nominations ever given in one year to a theatre in the Award's 25-year history. The Helen Hayes Awards recognize outstanding theatre productions in the Washington, DC area.

Signature's environmental production of *Les Misérables*, which runs through February 22, is the leading nominee of all Washington area productions, with 13 nominations including one for outstanding resident musical. *Les Miz* is joined in the outstanding resident musical category by three other Signature productions: *Ace*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, and *The Visit*. Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer received three nominations for best director and 11 of the 12 supporting acting nominations were from Signature Theatre productions.

Signature's Managing Director Maggie Boland stated, "We're very proud to have been recognized for outstanding work by the Helen Hayes Awards. This is a great theater town and we are delighted to be named among the best. I am particularly happy to see the Signature family of artists acknowledged for their great work."

The awards ceremony will be held April 13 at the Warner Theatre.

Signature Theatre's 39 nominations are:

### Outstanding Director, Resident Musical

Eric Schaeffer – *Ace*, *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *Les Misérables*  
Frank Galati – *The Visit*

### Outstanding Choreography, Resident Play or Musical

Karma Camp – *Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
Ann Reinking – *The Visit*

### Outstanding Musical Direction, Resident Play or Musical

Jon Kalbfleisch – *Kiss of the Spider Woman, Les Misérables*  
David Loud – *The Visit*

Outstanding Set Design, Resident Play or Musical

Adam Koch – *Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
Walt Spangler – *Les Misérables*

Outstanding Lighting Design, Resident Play or Musical

Chris Lee – *Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
Mark Lanks – *Les Misérables*

Outstanding Supporting Actor, Resident Musical

Christopher Bloch – *Les Misérables*  
Andrew Call – *Les Misérables*  
Mark Jacoby – *The Visit*  
Chris Sizemore – *Les Misérables*  
Jeremy Webb – *The Visit*

Outstanding Supporting Actress, Resident Musical

Felicia Curry – *Les Misérables*  
Sherri L. Edelen – *Les Misérables*  
Carrie A. Johnson – *The Happy Time*  
Angelina Kelly – *Ace*  
Christiane Noll – *Ace*  
Tracy Lynn Olivera – *Les Misérables*

Outstanding Lead Actor, Nonresident Production

Martin Moran – *The Tricky Part*

Outstanding Lead Actor, Resident Musical

Will Chase – *Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
Hunter Foster – *Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
George Hearn – *The Visit*  
David Margulies – *The Happy Time*  
Greg Stone – *Les Misérables*

Outstanding Lead Actress, Resident Musical

Jill Paice – *Ace*  
Chita Rivera – *The Visit*

Outstanding Resident Musical

*Ace*  
*Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
*Les Misérables*  
*The Visit*

The Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble, Resident Musical

*Kiss of the Spider Woman*  
*Les Misérables*  
*The Visit*

## **ABOUT SIGNATURE**

Under the leadership of co-founder and Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer and Managing Director Maggie Boland, Signature is a non-profit professional theater company dedicated to producing contemporary musicals and plays, reinventing classic musicals, and developing new work. To date, Signature has presented over 25 world premiere productions and is renowned for combining Broadway-quality productions with intimate playing spaces. In addition to the finest talent from the DC metropolitan area and New York, Signature has been a home to such theater luminaries as John Kander and Fred Ebb, Cameron Mackintosh, Terrence McNally, and the company's signature, Stephen Sondheim. As of this week, Signature has been nominated for 276 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in the professional theater and has been honored with 59 Helen Hayes Awards, including Outstanding Musical in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2005, and 2006, and Outstanding Play in 1999.

### **Directions**

Signature Theatre is just 12 minutes from downtown Washington, DC in Arlington's Shirlington Village. The new theater complex is located at 4200 Campbell Avenue (22206) off I-395 at the Shirlington exit. After the exit, blue Signature signs mark the way to the Theatre. Free parking is available in two adjacent public garages. Please note that Campbell Avenue is a new street and some GPS online mapping systems do not yet recognize Signature Theatre's address. For directions visit [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org).

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