

GLOUCESTER STAGE COMPANY

Eric C. Engel, Artistic Director

Gloucester Stage Recognized by Boston Critics Theatre Receives 15 Nominations for 2013 Season from the Independent Reviewers of New England

The Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) recently announced the IRNE award nominations for the 2013 calendar year. Gloucester Stage received a total of 15 nominations for the 2013 season. The musical *Spring Awakening* received 9 nominations, *Driving Miss Daisy* received 4 nominations and Israel Horovitz's Gloucester play, *North Shore Fish* received 2 nominations. According to GSC Artistic Director and Best Director nominee Eric C. Engel, "GSC is very proud of the actors, designers and directors whose work has garnered these endorsements. And we're very grateful to the press who find their way to so many theaters throughout the year."

Gloucester Stage received fifteen 2014 IRNE nominations for their 2013 season. The 9 nominations for *Spring Awakening* include: *Best Musical*, *Best Ensemble*, *Best Director of a Musical*: Eric C. Engel, *Best Actress in a Musical*: Melody Madarasz, *Best Actor in a Musical*: Phil Tayler, *Best Supporting Actress in a Musical*: Amelia Broome, *Best Supporting Actor in a Musical*: Ross Mumford, *Best Music Director*: Catherine Stornetta and *Best Choreography*: Jodi Leigh Allen. *North Shore Fish* garnered nominations for *Best Director of a Play*: Robert Walsh and *Best Actress in Play*: Aimee Doherty. The 4 nominations for *Driving Miss Daisy* include *Best Play*, *Best Director of a Play*: Benny Sato Ambush, *Best Actress in a Play*: Lindsay Crouse and *Best Actor in a Play*: Johnny Lee Davenport. Mr. Ambush won the 2013 IRNE Award for Best Director of a Play for GSC's 2012 acclaimed production of *Master Harold ... and the Boys*.

The 18th Annual IRNE Awards will be held at The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts on Monday, April 7, 2014. The Pre-Ceremony Reception begins at 7:00 pm and the Awards Ceremony begins at 7:30 pm. All events are open to the Public – No Tickets Required

The Gloucester Stage Company is an award-winning, small, non-profit, professional theater company co-founded in 1979 by Geoff Richon, Denny Blodgett, and award-winning playwright Israel Horovitz who also served as its first Artistic Director from 1979 to 2006. Located in Gloucester, Massachusetts in the Rocky Neck Cultural District, its mission is to provide a nurturing, intimate and relaxed platform for the development of new and established playwrights and plays, offer a wide variety of educational programs for children and adults and present a high quality, relevant theater experience that is entertaining, stimulating and intellectually challenging to year-round and seasonal residents. During its first 34 seasons, the GSC successfully realized this mission with the production of more than 32 world premieres, 6 American premieres and 17 New England premieres. Plays developed at the GSC have gone on to critical and popular acclaim on Broadway, off-Broadway, across the United States, and around the world.

Gloucester Stage Company is located at 267 East Main Street, Gloucester, MA. For information about the 2014 season opening on June 12, 2014 with the hit musical *Jacques Brel Is Alive and Well and Living in Paris*, please call the Gloucester Stage Box Office at 978-281-4433 or visit www.gloucesterstage.com.