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Boston Critics Recognize Gloucester Stage Company's 2015 Season Non-Profit Theater Receives Nine IRNE Award Nominations

The Independent Reviewers of New England (IRNE) recently announced the nominees for the 20th Annual IRNE Awards. Gloucester Stage Company received a total of nine nominations for the 2015 season. The IRNE Awards honor the best of the previous year's actors, directors, designers and companies across the full spectrum of large, midsize and fringe theater companies in the New England area.

The Gloucester Stage nominations include two for Deborah Zoe Laufer's *Out of Sterno*: *Best Actress-Play-Midsize*: Amanda Collins; and *Best Supporting Actress-Play-Midsize*: Jennifer Ellis; two for Israel Horovitz's *Gloucester Blue*: *Best New Play* and *Best Actor-Play-Midsize*: Robert Walsh; one nomination for Enda Walsh's *The New Electric Ballroom*: *Best Supporting Actor-Play-Midsize*: Derry Woodhouse and four nominations for Annie Baker's *The Flick*: *Best Play-Midsize*; *Best Lighting Design*: Russ Swift, *Best Actor-Play-Midsize*: Nael Nacer and *Best Director-Play-Midsize*: Bridget Kathleen O'Leary.

The winners will be announced at the 20th Annual IRNE Awards, to be held on Monday, April 11th, at 7:30 p.m. at the 1200 Hotel Ballroom (Holiday Inn) in Brookline, MA, just outside Kenmore Square. Tickets, as always, will be free, but because of space limitations at the new venue registration is required. Attendees should go to Theater Mania at http://www.theatermania.com/.../20th-annual-irne-awards_3136.../ to reserve free tickets.

The Gloucester Stage 2016 season opens on May 19 with Peter Shaffer's *Lettice and Lovage* featuring Academy Award nominee and IRNE Award winner Lindsay Crouse. For information about Gloucester Stage, or to purchase single tickets or Flex Passes, call the Box Office at 978-281-4433 or visit www.gloucesterstage.com.