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2007 Drama Desk Award Nominations Announced

By: **Brian Scott Lipton**

Broadway stars Beth Leavel and James Naughton announced the nominees for this year's **Drama Desk Awards** this morning at The Friars Club. The awards honor the best of Broadway, Off-Broadway, and Off-Off-Broadway.



Billy Crudup and Brian F. O'Byrne
in *The Coast of Utopia*
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As previously announced, Kristin Chenoweth -- who was nominated as Outstanding Actress in a Musical for *The Apple Tree* -- will host the awards ceremony on Sunday, May 20 at the F.H. LaGuardia Concert Hall. The event will be telecast by PBS on Sunday, May 27 at 12:30pm and by NYC TV (Channel 25) on Thursday, May 24 at 8pm and Saturday, May 26 at 10pm. The ceremony will be webcast live by TheaterMania.com.

Manhattan Theatre Club's production of *LoveMusik*, a new musical about the love affair between composer Kurt Weill and singer Lotte Lenya, received 12 nominations -- the most for any show. Three other Broadway musicals, *Curtains*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Spring Awakening*, received 10 nominations each. The Off-Broadway musical *In the Heights* received nine nominations as well as a special award for Outstanding Ensemble (which meant none of its cast members were eligible for individual awards).

Tom Stoppard's *The Coast of Utopia* received 10 nominations, the most for any play, while *Frost/Nixon* and *Jack Goes Boating* each received four nominations. *Company* received six nominations, the most for any revival. In total, 34 shows received two or more nominations.

The Broadway show *Deuce* was declared ineligible by its producers, while *Grey Gardens*, a winner last year, did not have enough new elements to be deemed eligible. Among the eligible Broadway shows that were shut out of nominations are the revival of *A Chorus Line*, *Prelude to a Kiss*, *The Vertical Hour*, *The Times They Are A-Changin'*, *Butley*, *Translations*, and *Losing Louie*.

In some categories, individuals received multiple nominations. Jerry Mitchell was nominated for both direction and choreography of *Legally Blonde*; Jonathan Tunick was nominated for his orchestrations of *The Apple Tree* and *LoveMusik*; David Korins was nominated for the sets of *Essential Self-Defense* and *Jack Goes Boating*; Scott Pask was nominated for the sets of *The Coast of Utopia* and *Blackbird*; and Anna Louizos was nominated for the sets of *Curtains* and *In the Heights*. Bob Crowley also received two nominations, one for the sets of *The Coast of Utopia* and one for the sets of *Mary Poppins*.

This year's nominating committee consists of Barbara Siegel, chairperson (TalkinBroadway.com, TheaterMania.com); Glenda Frank (*Plays International*, nytheatre-wire.com); Tony Phillips (*New York Press*); Andrew Propst (Americantheatreweb.com and XM Sattelite Radio); Richard Ridge (Broadway Beat TV); and William Wolf, Drama Desk President (Wolfentertainmentguide.com).

A complete list of nominees and special award winners follows:

Outstanding Play:

David Harrower, *Blackbird*
Terrence McNally, *Some Men*
Peter Morgan, *Frost/Nixon*
Tom Stoppard, *The Coast of Utopia*
Bernard Weinraub, *The Accomplices*
August Wilson, *Radio Golf*

Outstanding Musical:

Curtains
In the Heights
Legally Blonde
LoveMusik
Mary Poppins
Spring Awakening

Outstanding Revival of a Play:

The Hairy Ape
Hedda Gabler
Journey's End
Talk Radio
The Taming of the Shrew
Woyzeck

Outstanding Revival of a Musical:

110 in the Shade
The Apple Tree
Company
Di Yam Gazlonim!
H.M.S. Pinafore
Les Miserables

Outstanding Actor in a Play:

Philip Seymour Hoffman, *Jack Goes Boating*
Frank Langella, *Frost/Nixon*
Brian F. O'Byrne, *The Coast of Utopia*
Christopher Plummer, *Inherit the Wind*
Liev Schreiber, *Talk Radio*
Kevin Spacey, *A Moon for the Misbegotten*
Paul Sparks, *Essential Self-Defense*

Outstanding Actress in a Play:

Eve Best, *A Moon for the Misbegotten*
Orlagh Cassidy, *The Field*
Blythe Danner, *Suddenly Last Summer*
Jennifer Mudge, *Dutchman*
Sandra Oh, *Satellites*
Annie Parisse, *The Internationalist*
Meryl Streep, *Mother Courage and Her Children*

Outstanding Actor in a Musical:

Michael Cerveris, *LoveMusik*
Raúl Esparza, *Company*
John Gallagher, Jr., *Spring Awakening*
Jonathan Groff, *Spring Awakening*
David Hyde Pierce, *Curtains*
Martin Short, *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me*

Outstanding Actress in a Musical:

Ashley Brown, *Mary Poppins*
Laura Bell Bundy, *Legally Blonde*
Kristin Chenoweth, *The Apple Tree*
Audra McDonald, *110 in the Shade*
Lea Michele, *Spring Awakening*
Donna Murphy, *LoveMusik*

Outstanding Featured Actor in a Play:

Anthony Chisholm, *Radio Golf*
Billy Crudup, *The Coast of Utopia*
Boyd Gaines, *Journey's End*
John Ortiz, *Jack Goes Boating*
Andrew Polk, *The Accomplices*

Frederick Weller, *Some Men*

Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play:

Myriam Achari, *Woyzeck*
Xanthe Elbrick, *Coram Boy*
Sarah Nina Hayon, *Rearviewmirror*
Jan Maxwell, *Coram Boy*
Martha Plimpton, *The Coast of Utopia*
Rita Wolf, *The American Pilot*

Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical:

Brooks Ashmanskas, *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me*
Christian Borle, *Legally Blonde*
Aaron Lazar, *Les Misérables*
Gavin Lee, *Mary Poppins*
Orville Mendoza, *Adrift in Macao*
David Pittu, *LoveMusik*

Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical:

Linda Balgord, *The Pirate Queen*
Celia Keenan-Bolger, *Les Misérables*
Debra Monk, *Curtains*
Orfeh, *Legally Blonde*
Barbara Walsh, *Company*
Karen Ziemba, *Curtains*

Outstanding Director of a Play:

Declan Donnellan, *Twelfth Night*
Michael Grandage, *Frost/Nixon*
Doug Hughes, *Inherit the Wind*
Jack O'Brien, *The Coast of Utopia*
Ciarán O'Reilly, *The Hairy Ape*
Tom Ridgely, *Marco Millions (based on lies)*

Outstanding Director of a Musical:

John Doyle, *Company*
Thomas Kail, *In the Heights*
Michael Mayer, *Spring Awakening*
Jerry Mitchell, *Legally Blonde*
Harold Prince, *LoveMusik*
Alex Timbers, *Gutenberg! The Musical!*

Outstanding Choreography:

Patricia Birch, *LoveMusik*
Andy Blankenbuehler, *In the Heights*
Matthew Bourne, *Edward Scissorhands*
Matthew Bourne and Stephen Mear, *Mary Poppins*
Bill T. Jones, *Spring Awakening*
Jerry Mitchell, *Legally Blonde*

Outstanding Music:

John Kander, *Curtains*
Paul Leschen, *Twist: Please, Sir, May I Have Some More?*
Peter Melnick, *Adrift in Macao*
Lin-Manuel Miranda, *In the Heights*
Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, *Legally Blonde*
Duncan Sheik, *Spring Awakening*

Outstanding Lyrics:

Fred Ebb with added lyrics by John Kander and Rupert Holmes, *Curtains*
Lin-Manuel Miranda, *In the Heights*
Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin, *Legally Blonde*
Steven Sater, *Spring Awakening*
Bill Strauss, Elaina Newport and Mark Eaton, *Capitol Steps*
Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman, *Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me*

Outstanding Book of a Musical:

Scott Brown and Anthony King, *Gutenberg! The Musical!*
Julian Fellowes, *Mary Poppins*
Heather Hach, *Legally Blonde*
Rupert Holmes and Peter Stone, *Curtains*
Steven Sater, *Spring Awakening*

Alfred Uhry, *LoveMusik*

Outstanding Music for a Play:

Mark Bennett, *The Coast of Utopia*

Adam Cork, *Frost/Nixon*

Gerard McBurney, *Oliver Twist*

The Propeller Company, *The Taming of the Shrew*

Ray Rizzo, Adam Rapp, and Lucas Papaelias, *Essential Self-Defense*

David Van Tieghem, *Inherit the Wind*

Outstanding Orchestrations:

William David Bohn, *Curtains*

Mary-Mitchell Campbell, *Company*

Alex Lacamoire and Bill Sherman, *In the Heights*

Duncan Sheik, *Spring Awakening*

Jonathan Tunick, *The Apple Tree*

Jonathan Tunick, *LoveMusik*

Outstanding Set Design of a Play:

Bob Crowley and Scott Pask, *The Coast of Utopia*

David Gallo, *Radio Golf*

David Korins, *Essential Self-Defense*

David Korins, *Jack Goes Boating*

Garin Marschall, *Hell House*

Scott Pask, *Blackbird*

Outstanding Set Design of a Musical:

Beowulf Boritt, *LoveMusik*

Bob Crowley, *Mary Poppins*

Anna Louizos, *Curtains*

Anna Louizos, *In the Heights*

David Rockwell, *Legally Blonde*

Kris Stone, *Brundibar/But the Giraffe*

Outstanding Costume Design:

Mara Blumenfeld, *Lookingglass Alice*

Judith Dolan, *LoveMusik*

William Ivey Long, *Curtains*

Santo Loquasto, *Suddenly Last Summer*

Robert Morgan, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*

Catherine Zuber, *The Coast of Utopia*

Outstanding Lighting Design:

Howell Binkley *LoveMusik*

Maruti Evans, *Blindness*

Paul Gallo, *Blackbird*

Jonathan Mark, *Prometheus Bound*

Kenneth Posner, Brian MacDevitt, Natasha Katz, *The Coast of Utopia*

Japhy Weideman, *Jack Goes Boating*

Outstanding Sound Design:

Acme Sound Partners, *In the Heights*

Mark Bennett, *The Coast of Utopia*

Gregory Clarke, *Journey's End*

Duncan Robert Edwards, *LoveMusik*

Frank Gaeta, *Dai (enough)*

Richard Woodbury, *Talk Radio*

Outstanding Solo Performance:

Iris Bahr, *Dai (enough)*

Ed Harris, *Wrecks*

Capathia Jenkins, *(mis)Understanding Mammy: The Hattie McDaniel Story*

Anna Manahan, *Sisters*

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