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STAGES ST. LOUIS WINS 6 KEVIN KLINE AWARDS

(St. Louis, MO) STAGES ST. LOUIS was honored Monday evening with 6 Kevin Kline Awards, including receiving the highest honor in the category of "Outstanding Production of a Musical" – twice! Their productions of *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *Guys and Dolls* tied for this award.

Awards received by STAGES included:

The Drowsy Chaperone

Outstanding Production of a Musical (Tie)
Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical – **David Schmittou**
Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical – **John Alban Coughlan**
Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical – **Christianne Tisdale**
Outstanding Ensemble in a Musical

Guys and Dolls

Outstanding Production of a Musical (Tie)

These awards honor the commitment STAGES has made to produce Broadway quality musical theatre. Acknowledgment of this dedication has been recognized nationwide. "You could spend a week in New York or London and not see anything better than these performances," says Robert Boyd of the website *talkinbroadway.com*.

The 5th Annual Kevin Kline Award Ceremony was held on Monday, March 22 at the Loretto-Hilton Theater. Recognizing outstanding achievement in Professional Theatre in the Greater St. Louis Area, The Kevin Kline Awards honor theatre artists and productions in over 20 categories. The awards are named in honor of St. Louis' own Tony and Academy Award winner Kevin Kline.

At this year's ceremony, 40 theatre companies and 125 productions received nominations in 22 different categories. Receiving 27 nominations in 14 categories, STAGES was the most nominated performing arts organization.

STAGES ST. LOUIS was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to producing the classic American art form of musical theatre. STAGES currently presents 124 performances from May through October to more than 48,000 patrons and with over 450 union actor weeks logged annually. The mission of STAGES ST. LOUIS is to become the leading company for musical theatre performance and education in the Midwest.

The 2010 Season at STAGES will feature: *Big River* (May 28 – June 27), *Promises*, *Promises* (July 16 – August 15), Disney's *The Aristocats* (August 8 – August 15) and *State Fair* (September 3 – October 3).

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