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THE DRAMATISTS GUILD FUND **PRESENTS DRAMATISTS GUILD ANNUAL AWARDS** **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

The **2008 Dramatists Guild Awards Celebration, presented by the Dramatists Guild Fund** will be held on **Tuesday, November 18, 2008** at The Players (16 Gramercy Park, NYC 10003). The evening will begin with wine and hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 pm followed by the awards presentation and entertainment at 8:00 pm. **Christopher Durang** will preside over the festivities as Master of Ceremonies. Tickets are \$75 per person. For tickets to the event, call The Center for Creative Resources 212.864.7827.

The 2008 Awards will be presented to the following:

Joseph Stein will be awarded the **Dramatists Guild Lifetime Achievement Award** which is presented by the Dramatists Guild Council in recognition of lifetime achievement in theatrical writing.

Tracy Letts (*August: Osage County*) will be awarded the **Hull-Warriner Award**, the only award given by dramatists to dramatists and presented annually by the Dramatists Guild Council to an author or team of authors in recognition of their play dealing with controversial subjects involving the fields of political, religious or social mores of the times.

Lin-Manuel Miranda (*In the Heights*) will be awarded the **Frederick Loewe Award** which is given by the Frederick Loewe Foundation and presented annually by the Dramatists Guild Council to a composer recognizing achievement in a theatrical score presented on Broadway in the previous theatrical season.

Craig Lucas will be awarded the **Flora Roberts Award**, which is administered by the Dramatists Guild Fund and presented to a theater professional in recognition of distinguished work in the theater and to encourage the continuation of that work.

Laura Jacqmin will be awarded the **Wasserstein Prize**, which is administered by the Dramatists Guild and the Educational Foundation of America and presented to a young female writer who has yet to achieve national recognition.

Rita and Burton Goldberg will be awarded **The Kitty Carlisle Hart Award**, a new award presented in honor of Kitty Carlisle Hart to recognize outstanding philanthropy in the education and support of writers for the theater.

The Dramatists Guild of America, Inc. represents the interests of more than 6,000 member playwrights and theatrical composers and lyricists in the United States. The Dramatists Guild Fund is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to aid and nurture writers for the theater; to fund non-profit theaters producing contemporary American works; and to heighten awareness, appreciation, and support of theater across the country.

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