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**SIGNATURE THEATRE LEADS RESIDENT THEATRES WITH 15
2005 HELEN HAYES AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Arlington, VA — Signature Theatre, always an industry leader, earned the highest number of 2005 Helen Hayes Award nominations amongst all the resident theatres. Signature Theatre stands in good company as announced in *The Washington Post* on March 1, “With 17 nods, the Kennedy Center [non-resident categories] tops the list of nominated theatres this year, followed by Signature with 15, the Shakespeare Theatre with 14 and Arena Stage with 10.” *The Washington Post* article continued, “Among the locally produced musicals, Signature Theatre’s revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Allegro* leads the pack with seven nominations.” Amid the other notable nominations, Signature’s Artistic Director and Co-Founder Eric Schaeffer received two nods for Outstanding Director, Resident Musical for *Allegro* and *One Red Flower*, Signature’s Resident Musical Director Jon Kalbfleisch received three nominations for his work on *Allegro*, *Elegies: A Song Cycle*, and *The Highest Yellow*, and Signature holds three of the seven nominations for Outstanding Resident Musical for *Allegro*, *Elegies: A Song Cycle*, and *One Red Flower*.

“We’re always honored to be recognized amongst our peers for artistic excellence,” said Eric Schaeffer.

The 21st Annual Helen Hayes Awards will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005, at The Warner Theatre.

SIGNATURE’S 2005 HELEN HAYES AWARD NOMINATIONS

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTOR, RESIDENT MUSICAL

Harry A. Winter – *Allegro*

OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ACTRESS, RESIDENT MUSICAL

Tracy Lynn Olivera – *Allegro*

OUTSTANDING COSTUME DESIGN, RESIDENT PLAY OR MUSICAL

Gregg Barnes – *Allegro*

OUTSTANDING MUSICAL DIRECTION, RESIDENT PLAY OR MUSICAL

Jon Kalbfleisch – *Allegro*

Jon Kalbfleisch – *Elegies: A Song Cycle*

Jon Kalbfleisch – *The Highest Yellow*

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OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTOR, RESIDENT MUSICAL

Jason Danieleley – *The Highest Yellow*
Will Gartshore – *Allegro*
Marc Kudisch – *The Highest Yellow*

OUTSTANDING LEAD ACTRESS, RESIDENT MUSICAL

Sherri L. Edelen – *Elegies: A Song Cycle*

OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR, RESIDENT MUSICAL

Eric Schaeffer – *Allegro*
Eric Schaeffer – *One Red Flower*

OUTSTANDING RESIDENT MUSICAL

Allegro
Elegies: A Song Cycle
One Red Flower

Signature Theatre

Signature Theatre is a non-profit professional theatre dedicated to producing contemporary plays and musicals and to the development of new work. Now in its 15th season under Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer, Signature has been nominated for 191 Helen Hayes Awards for excellence in the professional theatre and has been honored with 37 Helen Hayes Awards, including Outstanding Musical in 1992, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2000, 2004 and Outstanding Play in 1999. Signature Theatre is a member of the Theatre Communications Group, The League of Washington Theatres, the Cultural Alliance of Greater Washington, the Arlington Arts Alliance, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.

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