



Stenborg and Henderson Receive Equity's Richard Seff Award

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[Helen Stenborg](#) and [Stephen McKinley Henderson](#) have been named to receive the annual [Richard Seff](#) Award presented by the Actors' Equity Foundation. The award, a \$1,000 check and crystal trophy for each, honors

a veteran female and male character actor for the best performance in a supporting role in a Broadway or Off-Broadway production.

[Helen Stenborg](#) was cited for her performance in the two-hander, VIGIL, presented at Off-Broadway's DR2 Theatre. Previously Ms. Stenborg appeared on Broadway in WAITING IN THE WINGS, for which she received a Tony nomination; THE CRUCIBLE; A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY; and A LIFE. She and her late husband, [Barnard Hughes](#) (the recipient of Equity's [St. Clair Bayfield](#) Award in 1973), toured the country in Da, and received Lifetime Achievement Awards from the Drama Desk in 2000. Ms. Stenborg also has appeared Off-Broadway, in films, on TV and for 16 seasons was at the O'Neill Playwrights Conference.

[Stephen McKinley Henderson](#) was recognized for his performance in the Broadway revival of [August Wilson](#)'s FENCES. Other Broadway credits include [August Wilson](#)'s KING HEDLEY II and the revival of [Ma Rainey](#)'S BLACK BOTTOM; DRACULA AND DROWNING CROW. He was also a member of [Mr. Wilson](#)'S JITNEY ensemble, which received a 2002 Olivier Award for Outstanding Drama. He has appeared at [The Public Theatre](#), Yale Rep, the [Signature Theatre](#) and the Kennedy Center. Professor and former chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance at SUNY Buffalo, he is a member of the [LABYrinth Theatre Company](#), the Actor's Center and is a Fox Foundation Fellow.

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Equity member [Richard Seff](#) established this award in 2003. Previous recipients include: [Tom Aldredge](#), [Larry Bryggman](#), [Lynn Cohen](#), [Jim Dale](#), [Hallie Foote](#), [Jane Houdyshell](#), [Dana Ivey](#), [David Margulies](#), [Margo Martindale](#), [David Rasche](#), [Roger Robinson](#) and [Mary Louise Wilson](#).

The presentation will take place at Equity's Eastern Regional Board meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Equity's office, 165 West 46th Street, New York.

The Judges' Panel includes Joe Dziemianowicz, Daily News; [Adam Feldman](#), Time Out NY; [Susan Haskins](#), Theatre Talk; [Harry Haun](#), Playbill; Michael Kuchwara, Associated Press and [David Rosenberg](#), Back Stage.

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