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# TRINITY REP CALLS FOR 2020 RHODE ISLAND PELL AWARD NOMINATIONS

## June 1st Gala to Honor Local Artists for Excellence

**PROVIDENCE, RI:** Trinity Repertory Company invites the public to nominate outstanding local artists for the 2020 Rhode Island Pell Awards for Excellence in the Arts. The Pell Awards' criteria include distinction in the artist's chosen field, work that significantly advances the art form and contribution to the betterment of the community, and the world at large through artistic presence and community service. Awards will be presented at the theater's gala event on **Monday, June 1, 2020**.

**Nominations are due by 11:59 pm on Sunday, February 9, 2020.** Nominations require the artist's name, contact information, and a brief description of their work and the contributions that they have made to Rhode Island. **Complete the online form at [www.TrinityRep.com/pell](http://www.TrinityRep.com/pell)**, or mail nominations to: RI Pell Awards Selection Committee, Trinity Rep, 201 Washington St., Providence, RI 02903.

Recipients will be announced in March.

The Pell Awards were established in 1997 to honor Senator Claiborne Pell and recognize artistic excellence in Rhode Island, the New England region and nationally. Throughout his life, Senator Pell worked to support the arts and provide new opportunities for artists. He sponsored the landmark legislation that established the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities in 1965, and chaired the Senate Education and Arts subcommittee. Proceeds from the Pell Awards Gala support artistic programming at Trinity Rep.



Past Rhode Island Pell Award winners for Excellence in the Arts include last year's 2019 winner, Valerie Tutson, John Benson, Howard BenTré, Dan Butterworth, Len Cabral, Charlene Carpenzano, John Chan, Bob Colonna, Robert Coover, Umberto "Bert" Crenca, Richard Cumming, Ruth Frisch Dealy, Tony Estrella, Richard Fleischner, Peter Geisser, Malcolm Grear, Michael Harper, Bunny Harvey, Dorothy Jungels & the Everett Dance Theatre, George Kent, Eugene Lee, David Macaulay, Salvatore Mancini, Dave McKenna, Barbara Meek, Denny Moers, Morris Nathanson, Timothy Philbrick, Ricardo Pitts-Wiley, Duke Robillard, Thomas Sgouros, Sr., Consuelo Sherba, Gretchen Dow Simpson, Maria Spacagna, Judith Lynn Stillman, Chris Van Allsburg, Paula Vogel, Keith and Rosmarie Waldrop, William Warner, Rose Weaver, Steven Weinberg, and Toots Zynsky.

For more information or to purchase tickets, sponsorships or ads for the 2020 Pell Awards Gala, visit [www.TrinityRep.com/pell](http://www.TrinityRep.com/pell).

### **TRINITY REPERTORY COMPANY**

Rhode Island's Tony Award-winning theater, Trinity Rep has created unparalleled professional theater for and with its community since its founding in 1963. Trinity Rep strives to facilitate human connection and has been a driving force behind the creativity that fuels and defines the region for more than 50 years.

Trinity Rep is committed to reinventing the public square and inspiring dialogue by creating emotionally-stimulating live productions that range from classical to contemporary and innovative education programs for all ages and abilities. Its annual production of *A Christmas Carol* has brought families together for more than four decades and made memories for over a million audience members.

Subscriptions and single tickets are now on sale for the 2019-20 Season, which included the world-premiere of *The Prince of Providence* by George Brant, based on the book *The Prince of Providence* by Mike Stanton; with *Fade* by Tanya Saracho; and continues with August Wilson's *Radio Golf* in January;



*A Tale of Two Cities* by Brian McEleney, based on the novel by Charles Dickens; *Sweat* by Lynn Nottage; and *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by Hugh Wheeler.

For more information on our 2019-20 Season, call the box office at (401) 351-4242 or visit Trinity Rep's website at [www.TrinityRep.com](http://www.TrinityRep.com).

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