

Sarah Siddons Society

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ARTISTS IN MUSICAL THEATRE

(Chicago, IL, October 14, 2013) — The Sarah Siddons Society of Chicago recently announced that Eileen LaCario, Doug Peck, and Rachel Rockwell will be honored at Siddons' Annual Meeting to be held at The Arts Club of Chicago on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, beginning at 11:30 am.

Eileen LaCario is the Founding Member and Vice President of Broadway In Chicago which brings over one million people into the Chicago theatre district each year. Eileen has launched six theatres in Chicago including Royal George, Halsted Theatre Center, Cadillac Palace, Oriental, Bank of America Theatres and, most recently, the Broadway Playhouse. Eileen served on Mayor Rahm Emanuel's Arts and Culture Transition Team and is past chair of the League of Chicago Theatres. She now serves on the City of Chicago Cultural Advisory Council and Choose Chicago's Cultural Tourism Commission.

Doug Peck, Music Director, has won five Jeff Awards (*Porgy and Bess*; *Caroline, or Change*; *Carousel*; *Fiorello*; *Man of La Mancha*) and two After Dark Awards (*Guys and Dolls*, *Hello Again*). His work has been heard in Chicago at Court Theatre, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, Writers Theatre, TimeLine Theatre Company, Northlight Theatre, the Paramount Theatre, Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, Porchlight Music Theatre, as well as the Ravinia Festival.

Rachel Rockwell is a Jeff Award winning theatre director and choreographer. Rachel's work has been seen locally at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Steppenwolf, Drury Lane, The Marriott, TimeLine, Apple Tree and the Paramount Theatre. In 2010, she was named "Best Director" by [Chicago Magazine](#) as well as Chicagoan of the Year, Theater 2012, by the [Chicago Tribune](#).

Dominic Missimi Professor Emeritus at Northwestern University and longtime friend of Sarah Siddons Society, will introduce the honorees. Special guest Michael Halberstam, Founder and Artistic Director of Writers Theatre, will moderate and lead the honorees in a dialogue and discussion on *The State of the Art; The American Musical Theatre in 2013*.

Proceeds will benefit the organization's promising young actors' scholarship fund for theatre majors at select Chicagoland colleges and universities. The event includes a reception and luncheon. For information and reservations, contact Sherry Hoel at 773.248.4860 or sherryhoel@att.net.

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