## Stagebridge Wins 2009 American Society on Aging Metlife Foundation MindAlert Award

The American Society on Aging, in collaboration with the MetLife Foundation, awarded Stagebridge winner of the 2009 MindAlert Award in the lifelong learning category. Stagebridge founder and executive director Dr. Stuart Kandell and Marketing Director Maryann Maslan accepted the award March 18 at the national conference of the American Society on Aging and National Council on Aging in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The MindAlert Awards is a national project designed to recognize outstanding programs developed to improve mental stimulation and creative outlets in later life. The awards are given to organizations that have demonstrated high-quality, innovative programs, based on scientific evidence that enhance functioning and quality of life.



"The Review Committee found Stagebridge's Performing Arts Training Program to be very innovative, reaching a diverse number of older adults," said ASA-MetLife MindAlert Chair Dean Blevins. Review members noted that this is truly a program that can engage older adults cognitively, physically and socially.

Dr. Kandell spoke before a 100 people at the MindAlert luncheon and showed a Stagebridge video that highlights the program. Kandell thanked the ASA for "recognizing the importance of the arts in the lives of older adults."