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LOCAL THEATRE ORGANIZATION WINS MULTIPLE NATIONAL AWARDS

ROBIDOUX RESIDENT THEATRE is the recipient of several national awards presented by the American Association of Community Theatre. These honors were bestowed on the following artists at the national conference in Tacoma, Washington June 23 - 27, 2009

- **Andrew Bramlage-Graphic Design.** His website design for RRT (www.rrtstjoe.org) was awarded top website in the country among the 227 community theatres that are members of AACT.
- **Angela Snider- Graphic Design.** Her poster for Robidoux Landing Playhouse's *Driving Miss Daisy* was the only poster in the country to receive top honors for graphic design for a theatre poster.
- **Andrew Bramlage- Graphic Design.** His poster for Robidoux Resident Theatre's *A Christmas Carol* was awarded "best art work" for a theatre poster.
- **Janet Alexander- Costume Design.** Her costumes for Robidoux Resident Theatre's production of *Guy and Dolls* were recognized as most "polished costume design".
- **Frank Polleck- Set Design.** His work on Robidoux Resident Theatre's *Peter Pan* was recognized as "best use of drops and lights".

Jeff Haney, Executive Director of Robidoux Resident Theatre knows how important these awards are to the organization. *"On the national scene community theatre in many communities is as vital and important to the local economy as any other type of theatre...the national recognition just proves that we are on the same level as the best theatre in the*

country...and that gives us the ability to write more impressive grants, work to bring people outside of our community to St. Joseph and give our artist the exposure they deserve. Respect from your peers is priceless!" he said.

The American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) exists to foster and encourage the development of, and commitment to, the highest standards by community theatres, including standards of excellence for production, management, governance, community relations and service.

A nonprofit organization, AACT offers a wide range of opportunities to share experiences, problems, successes and love of theatre. Founded in 1986, AACT's history has its roots in earlier theatre organizations. Like them, it serves both individuals and organizations by providing expertise, assistance and support so that community theatres can provide the best possible theatrical experience for participants and audience alike. <http://www.aact.org>

Robidoux Resident Theatre is an organization that focuses on professional quality theater productions with the spirit of volunteerism. RRT is known for its full scale professional quality productions throughout Northwest Missouri. www.rrtstjoe.org

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