



San Jose Repertory Theatre Takes Home Five SF Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle Awards

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Last night at an awards ceremony held in the Palace of Fine Arts, San Jose Repertory Theatre was awarded five distinct honors by the San Francisco Bay Area Critics' Circle Awards' committee for the critically acclaimed world premiere of *The Kite Runner*. In the category of 300 or more seats, San Jose Rep received a grand total of twenty-five nominations from the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle for outstanding productions when announced in March.

"I'm very honored that the SF Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle named our production of *The Kite Runner* as the Outstanding Drama produced by a large theatre in the Bay Area," comments Artistic Director Rick Lombardo. "We're so pleased to receive this recognition, especially with so many other wonderful productions produced by our colleagues throughout the region in the last twelve months. I'm also pleased that so many members of *The Kite Runner* team, including Matthew Spangler, Vicki Smith, [David Lee](#) Cuthbert and [Scott Edwards](#) were also cited for their artistry on this show. Congratulations to all these wonderful artists, and to [David Ira Goldstein](#), Artistic Director of Arizona Theatre Company, who directed this production for us."

San Jose Rep's world premiere of *The Kite Runner*, the international best-selling novel by Khaled Hosseini, garnered a total of nine nominations and received five awards from the San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics' Circle. These honors of distinction include:

- Outstanding Production
- Original Script - Matthew Spangler
- Set Design - Vicki Smith
- Lighting Design - [David Lee](#) Cuthbert
- Sound Design - [Scott Edwards](#)

Since its world premiere in March of 2009, *The Kite Runner* has received rave reviews and standing ovations in Tucson and Phoenix and is included in [Cleveland Play House's](#) 2010-11 season.

The San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle consists of local critics and has been granting awards annually in the categories of dramas and musicals for over 30 years. The awards were held at the Palace of Fine Arts [Theatre On](#) Monday, May 3, 2010.

About the Rep:

San Jose Rep is the premier non-profit, professional theatre company in the South Bay, presenting six main stage productions each year. As a major contributor to South Bay's cultural community for 29 years, the Rep's mission is to engage, entertain and inspire people. The Rep produces innovative theatrical performances that offer fresh perspectives into the human condition, educational programs that promote life-long learning, and outreach initiatives that benefit our diverse community. For more information, visit www.SJRep.com